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Pope Benedict XVI answers priests' questions during a meeting in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican to celebrate the end of the Church's year of the priest, Thursday, June 10, 2010. Thousands of priests from around the world gathered in St. Peter's square in a major show of support for Pope Benedict XVI amid the clerical abuse scandal.

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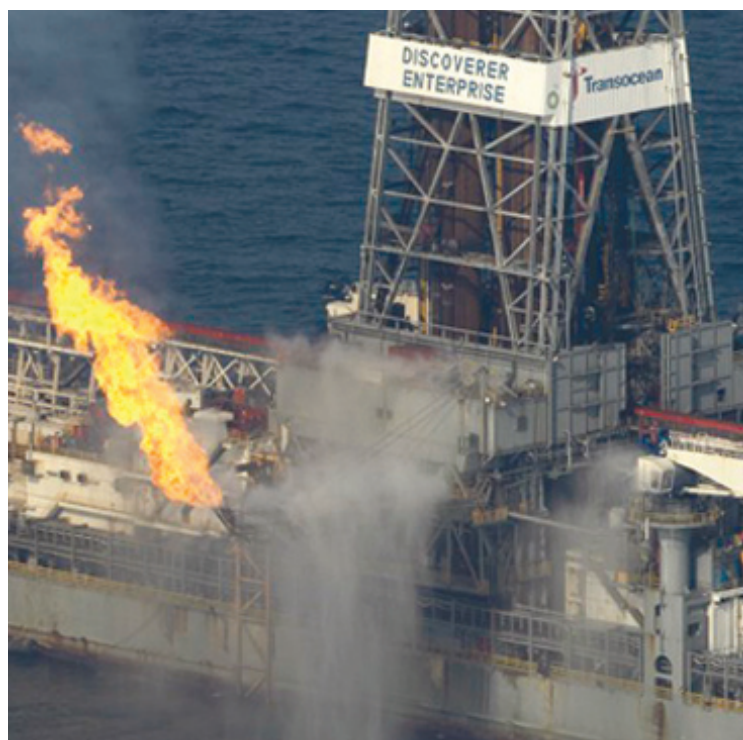
Chicago Blackhawks' Patrick Kane lifts the NHL hockey Stanley Cup after the Blackhawks defeated the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3 in overtime in Game 6 of the finals in Philadelphia on Wednesday, June 9, 2010.

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## Louisiana leaders want Gulf drilling to resume

Gas is flared off on the Discovery Enterprise drilling ship which is collecting oil at the site of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico off the Louisiana coast Wednesday, June 9, 2010.

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## Rescue launched for U.S. girl on solo world sail

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 16-year-old Southern California girl attempting a solo sail around the world was feared in trouble Thursday thousands of miles (kilometers) from land in the frigid, heaving southern Indian Ocean after her emergency beacons began signaling and communication was lost.

An international effort to rescue young Abby Sunderland began, but the vast distances meant long hours of waiting for her family and support team, which expressed confidence that she was alive because the beacons were deliberately turned on rather than set off automatically.

"She's got all the skills she needs to take care of what she has to take care of, she has all the equipment as well," said brother Zac, himself a veteran of a solo sail around the world at age 17.

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## U.S. Army fears mix-ups at Arlington Cemetery



In this May 27, 2010 file photo, Army Spc. Matthew Burt, 25, of Titusville, Pa., with the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment known as "The Old Guard," places flags on the graves at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

*Associated Press*

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. Army investigation has found that potentially hundreds of remains at Arlington National Cemetery have been misidentified or misplaced, a scandal marring the reputation of the nation's pre-eminent burial ground for its honored dead since the American Civil War.

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In this Saturday, Jan 23, 2010 picture, Abby Sunderland, 16, looks out from her sailboat, Wild Eyes, as she leaves for her world record attempting journey at the Del Rey Yacht Club in Marina del Rey, Calif. Rescuers searched Thursday, June 10, 2010 for her somewhere between Africa and Australia. He says emergency beacons were activated overnight and there has been a loss of communication. She was feared in trouble in the southern Indian Ocean.

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Janine Vaccarello, right, Chief Operating Officer for the National Museum of Crime and Punishment, hugs Beth Holloway, left, mother of Natalee Holloway, during the opening of the Natalee Holloway Resource Center (NHRC) in Washington, Tuesday, June 8, 2010. Holloway's daughter disappeared in Aruba in 2005, and today launched a resource center named for Natalee to assist the families of missing persons.

## ARLINGTON CEMETERY

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Army Secretary John McHugh announced Thursday that the cemetery's two civilian leaders would be forced to step aside, and he appointed a new chief to conduct a more thorough investigation to examine the graves and sort out the mix-up.

"I deeply apologize to the families of the honored fallen resting in that hallowed ground

who may now question the care afforded to their loved ones," McHugh told a Pentagon news conference.

Arlington National Cemetery, just outside Washington, is considered the nation's most honored burial site, with more than 300,000 people buried there with military honors. An average of 30 funerals are conducted there every day, many of them decorated veterans of World War II,

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Korea or Vietnam.

Among those buried at the cemetery are troops killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well service members from past conflicts dating back to the Civil War.

Famous presidents and their spouses, including members of the Kennedy family, also have been buried there. The cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington in northern Virginia, attracts more than 4 million visitors annually.

An Army investigation was launched last year after reports of employee misconduct, first reported by the Web site Salon.com.

Led by the service's inspector general, Lt. Gen. Steven Whitcomb, the investigation found lax management of the cemetery, where employees relied on paper records to manage the dozens of burials each week and maintain the thousands of existing gravesites.

Whitcomb said at least 211 remains were identified as potentially mislabeled or misplaced and that there could be more.

"We found nothing that was

intentional, criminal intent or intended sloppiness that caused this. ... But of all the things in the world, we see this as a zero defect operation," he told reporters Thursday.

Whitcomb could not say how old the mixed-up remains might be or from what conflict, saying only that the problem had been confined to three areas of the cemetery known as sections 59, 65 and 66.

Whitcomb said he did find two cases of mis-marked graves in section 60, the area for veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. He said those mistakes had been corrected.

Separately, the Army is investigating whether the cemetery's deputy superintendent, Thurman Higginbotham, made false statements to service investigators. Higginbotham, who ran the day-to-day operations at the cemetery, has been accused by former employees of creating a hostile work environment and breaking into their e-mail systems.

Higginbotham is on administrative leave, pending further review.

According to a defense

official familiar with the case, who discussed the details on condition of anonymity, Higginbotham will not face criminal charges because of a lack of evidence. But, the official said, the Army will ensure he never works at the cemetery again.

The official was not authorized to speak publicly about the case because it is continuing. Higginbotham's boss, John Metzler, is set to retire on July 2.

Service officials say he is being pushed out with a letter of reprimand that blames him for failing to rein in Higginbotham's mistakes.

Taking their place will be Kathryn Condon, a former civilian head of Army Materiel Command who as executive director will in charge of fixing any burial errors. Patrick Hallinan, a director with the Veterans Affairs Department, is temporarily being assigned as the cemetery's superintendent.

McHugh also announced the creation of an independent advisory commission that will be led by former senators and Army veterans Max Cleland and Bob Dole. □

# Aide: Blagojevich said he made deal for Obama seat

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CHICAGO — A former Illinois government insider testified Thursday that then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich told him two years ago of an alleged deal under which a lawmaker would stop passage of an ethics bill if Blagojevich would appoint him to Barack Obama's Senate seat.

Alonzo Monk, who was Blagojevich's chief of staff for three years, said the governor was eager to stop the bill, which would have sharply limited his ability to raise campaign funds.

Monk testified at Blagojevich's corruption trial that the governor told him in 2008 that state Senate President Emil Jones of Chicago had agreed to block the bill.

"Blagojevich told me that if Emil did not pass the bill and Obama became president, then Rod would name him to the seat," Monk testified.

Asked if he took the matter

seriously, Monk said, "Yes."

But Monk, who by the time of the conversation had left the governor's office and become a lobbyist, said his successor as chief of staff, John Harris, later told him that Jones had "gone back on the deal" after Obama called and asked him to allow the Senate to pass the bill.

There was no indication of what — if anything — Obama knew about the alleged deal. Jones did not immediately respond to a message Thursday at his business. His cell phone was not able to accept a message.

Blagojevich spoke for several minutes after court Thursday about the Stanley Cup victory of the Chicago Blackhawks, but declined to comment on the trial. His attorneys then took him to a waiting car, also declining to comment.

The ousted governor, 53, has pleaded not guilty to charges of scheming to get a payoff by using his power as governor to fill Obama's seat. He has also

pleaded not guilty to launching a racketeering scheme in the governor's office, with the proceeds to be divided after he left office.

His brother, Robert Blagojevich, 54, a Nashville, Tenn., businessman, has pleaded not guilty to charges in connection with the Senate seat. He has also pleaded not guilty to illegally pressuring a racetrack owner, John Johnson, for a hefty campaign contribution.

Much of the trial so far has focused on Blagojevich's intense efforts to raise campaign funds.

At the time of the conversation Monk detailed, the Illinois General Assembly had already passed the ethics bill. It barred individuals with state contracts of \$50,000 or more from contributing to the campaign funds of state officials who administer the contracts.

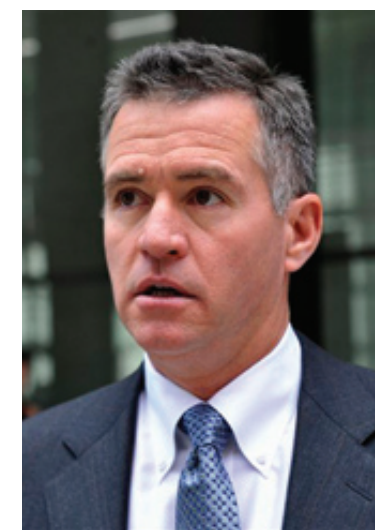
But Blagojevich had exercised his amendatory veto power to kill the restriction and the matter before the Senate was

whether to override the veto. Jones could have allowed the bill to die by simply not calling it for a vote. When he did call it, the measure passed.

Federal prosecutors said the restrictions in the bill spurred Blagojevich to step up fundraising activity to beat the January 2009 effective date of the law. They say that is one reason why the Blagojevich camp pressured Johnson to hurry up and write a hefty check.

Prosecutors began playing wiretap recordings Thursday afternoon, starting with one that includes a sometimes-agitated, audibly upset Blagojevich talking about fundraising goals with his supporters. They spoke about the need to pull in money before the ethics law kicked in.

Monk also testified that he spoke with millionaire Chicago bond trader Blair Hull, who lost a 2004 Democratic U.S. Senate primary to Obama. He testified that when Obama was



In this April 23, 2009 file photo, former chief of staff to former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, Alonzo Monk leaves the federal building in Chicago. A key aide who was by the side of Blagojevich through most of his political career took the stand in Blagojevich's corruption trial Wednesday, June 9, 2010, to testify against his old law school roommate.

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running for president, Hull met with Blagojevich and later said that if Obama won and he were named to the seat he would be a strong supporter in Washington of the Illinois governor's agenda. □



# Louisiana leaders want Gulf drilling to resume

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NEW ORLEANS (AP)

— At the same time they are venting their fury on BP over the Gulf of Mexico spill and its calamitous environmental effects, Louisiana politicians are rushing to the defense of the oil-and-gas industry and pleading with Washington to bring back offshore drilling — now.

As angry as they are over the disaster, state officials warn that the Obama administration's temporary ban on drilling in the Gulf has sent Louisiana's most lucrative industry into a death spiral.

They contend that drilling is safe overall and that the moratorium is a knee-jerk reaction, akin to grounding every airplane in America because of a single crash. They worry, too, that the moratorium comes at a time when another major Louisiana industry — fishing — has been brought to a standstill by the mess in the Gulf.

"For God's sake, don't finish us off with a moratorium," Louisiana Attorney General Buddy Caldwell said this week.

Meanwhile, a government task force of scientists said that before BP cut and capped the blown-out well at the bottom of the sea a week ago, it was spewing 2.1 million gallons of oil per day — or twice as much as the government's previous worst-case estimate. The oil-and-gas industry is the backbone of the Louisiana economy, bringing in billions of dollars in revenue for the government and accounting for nearly one-third of the nation's domestic crude production.

It took a heavy blow when the government imposed a six-month offshore drilling moratorium in the wake of the spill that has sent upwards of 50 million gallons of oil into the Gulf in the biggest environmental disaster in U.S. history. The government imposed the ban while it reviews the safety of deepwater drilling in light of the BP disaster.

Louisiana lawmakers have railed against the moratorium, saying it could put more than 100,000 people out of work, shutter businesses and destroy livelihoods.

A bill asking the administration to shorten the moratorium passed the Legislature unanimously.

But persuading the administration to take such action could prove to be extraordinarily difficult at a time when globs of oil are fouling marshes and beaches, images of oil-soaked birds are a fixture in the news and no apparent end to the spill is in sight.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar has acknowledged the potential damage to energy companies and their employees and promised a Louisiana senator the administration would demand that BP compensate businesses for their losses.

The moratorium put a halt to the 33 deepwater exploratory rigs in operation in the Gulf in addition to all new deep-sea drilling permits. Platforms that are already producing oil along with rigs in shallow waters are allowed to remain in operation.

"Every one of these deepwater wells employs directly hundreds of people and indirectly thousands," said Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana. "This is one company. This is one well. It's a terrible situation and no one is making light of it, but what I'm saying, as strongly as I can, to this president is the economic analysis is devastating to many companies, thousands of companies.

BP hopes that it can stem the flow of oil soon and remove some of the heat that has been put on the company and energy industry by politicians, the American public and

investors, who have dumped BP stock and driven its price down to the lowest level in 14 years out of fear that the spill could spell the company's ruin.

BP is capturing more oil from the bottom of the sea each day, and expects to siphon even larger quantities by early next week once more heavy equipment arrives. Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, who is overseeing the crisis for the government, said BP could be taking in 1.17 million gallons a day by next week, up from the current daily rate of 630,000 gallons. Meanwhile, President Barack Obama on Thursday met with the families of the 11 rig workers who were killed in the April 20 explosion.

Trade groups estimate that the 33 deepwater rigs idled the moratorium employed 5,900 to 9,200 people. Rig workers earn up to \$1,800 per week, so that amounts to a loss of tens of millions dollars in salaries. In addition, those jobs support an additional 26,000 to 46,000 industry workers.

"It's going to put us out of business," said Glenn LeCompte, owner of a Louisiana catering company that provides food to offshore rigs. "My payroll probably runs about \$150,000 a week. That payroll is going to disappear."

Gulf communities already are seeing the livelihoods of thousands of fisherman, property owners and tourism workers jeopardized by the spill. Fishing and tourism contribute \$10 billion to Louisiana's \$210 billion economy, while energy contributes \$65 billion.

"Those two things, fishing and oil, coexist together and form a way of life down here," said Jefferson Parish Council Chairman John Young. □



This image from video provided by BP PLC early Thursday morning, June 10, 2010 shows oil continuing to pour out at the site of the Deepwater Horizon oil well in the Gulf of Mexico. The containment cap on the ruptured well is capturing 630,000 gallons a day and pumping it to a ship at the surface. The government has estimated 600,000 to 1.2 million gallons are leaking per day, but a scientist on a task force studying the flow said the actual rate may be between 798,000 gallons and 1.8 million.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — In a boost for the president on

## Senate rejects move on greenhouse gas rules

global warming, the Senate on Thursday rejected a challenge to Obama administration rules aimed at cutting greenhouse gas emissions from power plants and other big polluters. The defeated resolution would have denied the Environmental Protection Agency the authority to move ahead with the rules, crafted under the federal Clean Air Act. With President Barack Obama's broader clean energy legislation struggling to gain a foothold in the Senate, the vote took on greater significance as a signal of where lawmakers stand on dealing with climate change.

"If ever there was a vote to find out whose side you are on, this is it," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, a Democrat and chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee.

The vote was 53-47 to stop the Senate from moving forward on the Republican-led effort to restrain the EPA.

Republicans, and the six Democrats who voted with them to advance the resolution, said Congress, not bureaucrats, should be in charge of writing climate change policy. They said the EPA rules would drive up energy costs and kill jobs.

But Democrats, referring frequently to the Gulf oil spill, said it made no sense to undermine efforts to curtail greenhouse gas emissions and reduce dependence on oil and other fossil fuels.

The effort to block the rules "is an attempt to bury our heads in the sand and ignore reality," said Sen. Tom Udall, a Democrat.

The White House earlier this week issued a veto threat, saying the resolution would block efforts to cut pollution that threatens Americans' health and well-being.

The EPA crafted standards on greenhouse gas emissions by big polluters after the Supreme Court ruled that those emissions could be considered a danger to human health and thus could be regulated under the Clean Air Act. The rules are to go into effect next January.

The poor chances of the anti-EPA measure overcoming a veto and becoming law did not deter fierce debate.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell called the new regulations a "blatant power grab by the administration and the EPA." With a broad energy bill unlikely to pass this year, "the administration has shifted course and is now trying to get done through the back door what they haven't been able to get done through the front door," he said.

But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, called the blocking measure, "a great big gift to big oil" that would "increase pollution, increase our dependence on foreign oil and stall our efforts to create jobs" in clean energy.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Thursday that he anticipated the Senate taking up a broader energy bill in the next several weeks "and hopefully we can get something done before Congress adjourns this year." The sponsor of Thursday's resolution, Republican Sen.

Lisa Murkowski of oil-rich Alaska, said her intent was to protect the authority of Congress, not the interests of the oil industry. "It should be up to us to set the policy of this country, not unelected bureaucrats within an agency," she said.

Her Democratic allies used similar arguments. "The regulatory approach is the wrong way to promote renewable energy and clean energy jobs in Arkansas and the rest of the country," said Sen. Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, who faces a difficult re-election campaign this summer.

Sen. Jim Webb, a Democrat who opposed the resolution, agreed that Congress should not cede its authority to the executive branch but expressed concern the measure would reverse progress made in such areas as vehicle emissions. He said he supported a bill that would suspend EPA's regulation of greenhouse gases from stationary sources for two years.


Murkowski, too, said Congress should be working harder to come up with an energy bill. The issue was whether a consensus was possible this year. "Here's the real rub," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican who has worked with Democrats on possible energy legislation. "If we stop them (the rules), are we going to do anything?"

"This is going to be the great hypocrisy test," said Sen. John Kerry, a Democrat and cosponsor of a major clean energy proposal. □



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# Teen's police beating brings calls for probe

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) —

The city's police chief called Thursday for the firing of a white officer who he said repeatedly struck a 15-year-old biracial boy in the face during an arrest after the teen had been subdued by other officers. Chief Paul Ciesielski said Officer Jerry Piland needlessly struck Brandon Johnson several times during the May 16 arrest near the boy's home. Johnson was left with gaping wounds on his swollen face and a black eye. "It was a difficult decision, but I know it was the right decision to terminate his employment because that certainly serves as an example that we have a zero-tolerance policy," Ciesielski said at a news conference.

Ciesielski's recommendation will go to the Civilian Police Merit Board, which ultimately will decide whether to fire Piland.

The teen's family and black community leaders have called for a federal investigation into whether Johnson's civil rights were violated. Piland, 36, and the other three officers directly involved in the arrest are white, while Johnson's mother is black and his father is white.

"I'm grateful to have one bad cop off the streets, but there was a lot of wrongdoing here that day," Johnson's mother, Chantay Chandler, said at a news conference Thursday at the family's home. Family representatives called on the department to fire the four officers directly involved in the arrest, but not a fifth officer who stood on the periphery. "One token firing is not enough," said the family's attorney, Stephen Wagner.

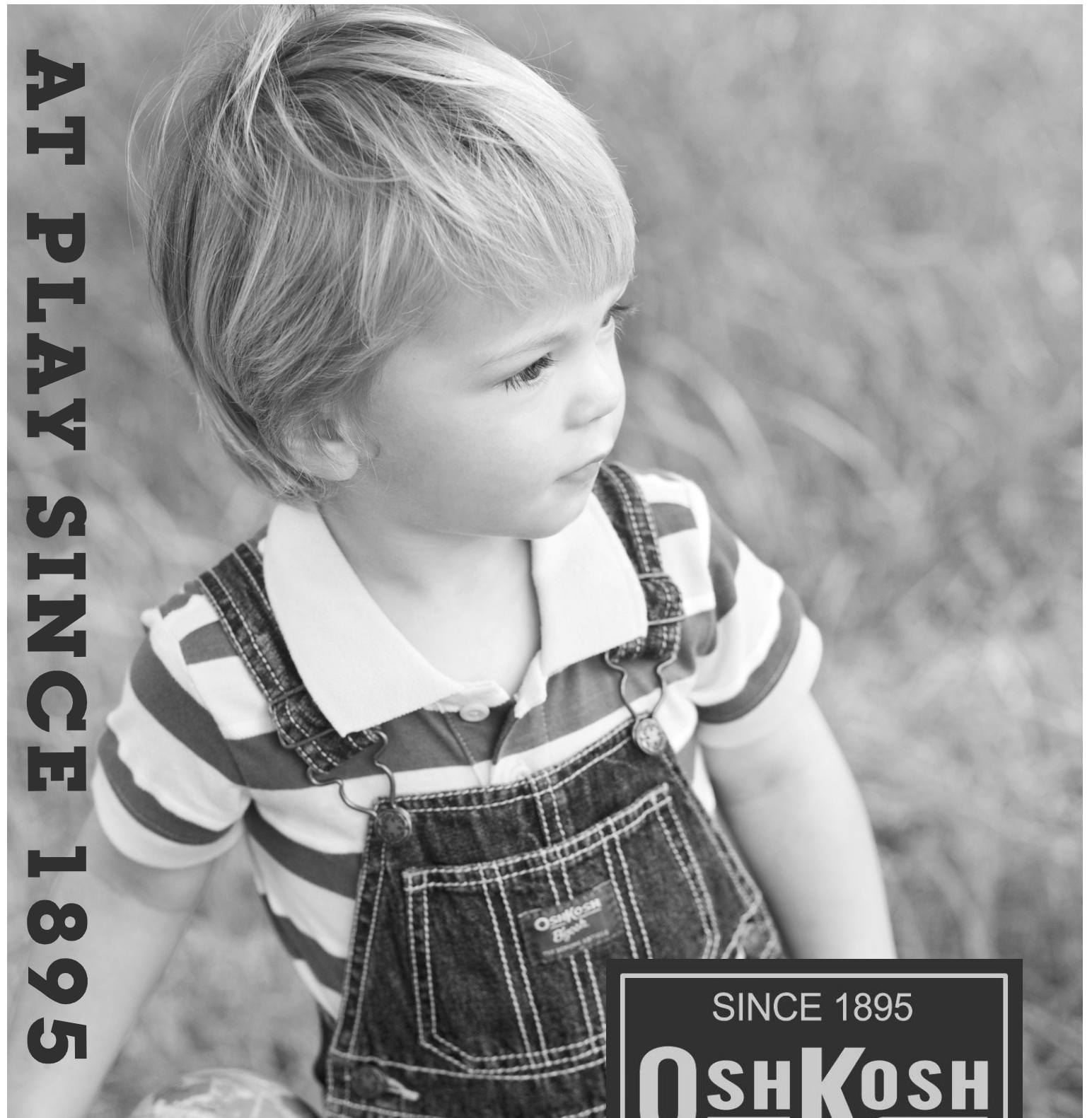
Ciesielski said one of the other officers, Stacy Lettinga, received a reprimand for wrongfully arresting another youth at the scene, and that the three others had been exonerated. None of the five had any prior record of excessive force, and Piland has received several

commendations.

Prosecutor Carl Brizzi said last week that he was investigating the matter and had not decided whether to bring charges against any of the officers. He said he decided not to charge Johnson because it wasn't in the best interests of the teen or the community. □

Brandon Johnson, right, stands behind his attorney Stephen Wagner during a news conference by Johnson's family in Indianapolis, Thursday, June 10, 2010. Indianapolis' police chief has recommended that an officer be fired for repeatedly striking 15-year-old Brandon Johnson during a May 16, 2010 arrest that some black community leaders say was racially motivated. The family of the boy says all four officers involved should be fired.

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## Grisly Afghan attack claims 40 lives, raises fear

An Afghan walks in front of a house damaged in a blast during a wedding in Kandahar's Argandab district Thursday, June 10, 2010. Scores were killed when a blast ripped through a wedding party in Kandahar province's Argandab district late Wednesday, killing 40 people and wounding dozens more, officials said. Afghan Interior Ministry spokesman said the explosion was a suicide attack.

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NADAHAN VILLAGE, Afghanistan (AP) — Body parts in trees. Mud walls flattened. Corpses riddled with ball bearings.

NATO and the Afghan government on Thursday blamed a Taliban suicide bomber for the grisly scene at a wedding party where at least 40 people were killed by an intense explosion. But the Taliban claimed they played no role in the blast in the Arghandab district, an insurgent stronghold near the southern city of Kandahar.

Stunned survivors said they suspected a NATO airstrike was responsible, a view that reflects either their deep suspicion of the U.S.-led coalition or fear of Taliban retribution.

Regardless of responsibility, Wednesday night's attack is likely to heighten public concern about a planned NATO military operation in the Kandahar area, the birthplace of the Taliban considered by U.S. commanders as the key to turning back the insurgents.

The top U.S. and NATO commander, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, acknowledged

Thursday that the Kandahar operation will take longer than planned because local Afghans do not yet support it.

Interior Ministry spokesman Zemer Bashary said the attack occurred when a suicide bomber entered a rural home where men were celebrating a wedding. The groom was among the 74 wounded. Women guests were in a separate house with the bride. "This is a crime of massive inhuman proportions against civilians," President Hamid Karzai told a news conference in Kabul.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi denied the insurgents carried out the attack, which occurred in a district where the Taliban remain entrenched despite years of NATO military operations.

Nevertheless, suspicion fell on the insurgents because the family included a number of Afghan policemen, who are often targeted by the Taliban. The groom's brother and two of his cousins were in the police force, according to another cousin, Mohammad Alkozay.

Kandahar provincial Gov. Tooryalai Wesa said doctors at the city hospital had recovered ball bearings from the bodies of the dead. Militants often pack ball bearings and other metal into suicide vests to kill more victims.

"The Taliban are doing two things at once," Wesa told reporters. "On one side they target people who are in favor of the government. Then at the same time, they don't want people to know their real face."

In this sun-baked farming

village of mud-walled compounds, survivors said they were skeptical that the blast was caused by a suicide bomber because the damage was so extensive. The wall around the compound where the attack occurred was mostly flattened. Blood, human limbs and other body parts — some in the trees — were scattered across the area.

"If it were a suicide attack, there would be some hole in the ground," said Abdul Raziq, a member of the village defense militia.

Mohammad Rassool, a cousin of the groom, said he saw helicopters, including one with guns in the front, flying above the compound before the explosion.

"I was coming toward the wedding and on the way I saw something from a helicopter move toward the village," Rassool said. "After we saw the smoke and fire come up, we knew that a rocket had hit. Why would the Taliban do this when we are not against each other?"

U.S. military spokesman Col. Wayne Shanks denied any coalition airstrike in the area at the time of the attack. Civilian deaths are a sensitive issue in Afghanistan, and the NATO command has acknowledged and apologized for attacks that kill civilians.

Nevertheless, public support for the U.S.-led mission is weakest in the dusty farming communities of southern Afghanistan, where the ethnic Pashtun population provides the Taliban with most of its fighters. It was unclear whether villagers were genuine in their suspicions about NATO or fearful of Taliban reprisals. □

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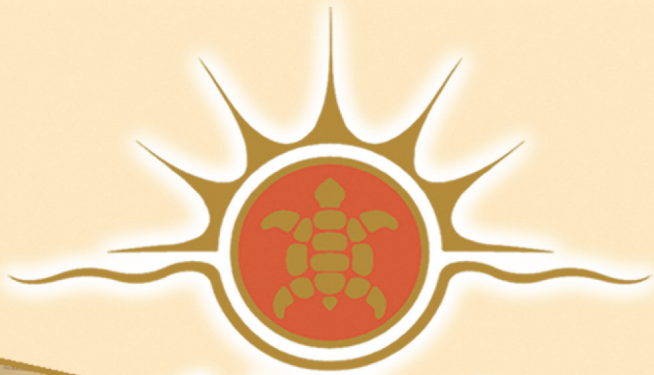
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## RESCUE LAUNCHED

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Australian Maritime Safety Authority spokeswoman Carly Lusk said three vessels were sent from the French territory of Reunion Island and an aircraft was to depart from Perth on a four-hour flight to Abby's location more than 2,000 miles (3,220 kilometers) from both Africa and Australia.

It was not clear when the vessels left, but it would take a day for the nearest ship to reach the area. Reunion Island is off Madagascar, the very large island along the east coast of Africa.

Support team member Jeff Casher said the two emergency beacons were continuing to broadcast and GPS location data showed they were together and drifting at 1 kph. He believed the beacons were on Abby's boat but said they could be with her on a raft.

Casher offered several scenarios: The boat may have flipped over and Abby could still be inside; the boat's mast may have been damaged; or she was injured and could not pilot the boat. He said that if the boat flipped, the hull would prevent her from calling from her satellite phone.

Conditions can quickly become perilous for any sailor exposed to the elements in that part of the world.

"We've got to get a plane

out there quick," said family spokesman Christian Pinkston, adding that the teen's family was asking for prayers for her safety.

Her brother said Abby was prepared and mentally tough. "I really wish I could see her and hope she gets through this one," he told reporters outside the family home.

When Abby last communicated with her family Thursday she reported 30-foot swells but was not in distress, Pinkston said.

An hour later the family was notified that her emergency beacons had been activated, and there was no further communication.

Her brother said the boat was most likely not completely submerged because another beacon would be triggered at a depth of 15 feet.

Derrick Fries, a U.S. sailing instruction and safety expert, said Abby's circumstances were very unclear.

"It's hard to determine if she's rolled over, swamped, or washed overboard. She has to have a dry suit on to have any chance," he said. "To be capsized in the middle of the ocean with waves crashing relentlessly down, not just for hours, but days, I can't tell you how difficult those conditions are."

A lifelong sailor whose father is a shipwright and has a yacht management company, Abby

set sail from Los Angeles County in her 40-foot boat, Wild Eyes, on Jan. 23 in an attempt to become the youngest person to sail around the world alone without stopping. Her brother briefly held the record in 2009.

Before Abby's voyage began, her brother described her as having more skill and experience than most sailors in their 20s and 30s. Her father said she had more solo sailing experience than Zac did before he started out.

"He totally thinks that I'm ready to do it, so that does help," she said at the time.

Abby soon ran into equipment problems and had to stop for repairs. She gave up the goal of setting the record in April, but continued on.

On May 15, Australian 16-year-old Jessica Watson claimed the record after completing a 23,000-mile circumnavigation in 210 days.

Abby left Cape Town, South Africa, on May 21 and on Monday reached the halfway point of her voyage.

On Wednesday, she wrote in her log that it had been a rough few days with huge seas that had her boat "rolling around like crazy." "I've been in some rough weather for awhile with winds steady at 40-45 knots with higher gusts," she wrote. "With that front passing, the conditions were lighter today. It was a nice day today with



Zac Sunderland, who sailed around the world at age 17, left, and Jeff Casher, technical support staff member for Sunderland's comment on the sailing situation of his sister Abby Sunderland, outside their home Thousand Oaks, Calif. on Thursday, June 10, 2010. Abby Sunderland, 16, is attempting a solo sail around the world was feared in trouble Thursday in the frigid, heaving southern Indian Ocean after her emergency beacons began signaling and communication was lost.

Associated Press

some lighter winds which gave me a chance to patch everything up. Wild Eyes was great through everything but after a day with over 50 knots at times, I had quite a bit of work to do."

Information on her website said that as of June 8 she had completed a 2,100-mile leg from South Africa to north of the Kerguelen Islands, taking a route to avoid an ice hazard area. Ahead of her lay more than 2,100 miles of ocean on a 10- to 16-day leg to a point south of Cape Leeuwin on the southwest tip of Australia. Charlie Nobles, executive director of the American

Sailing Association, said the best-case scenario would be that she had had a severe knockdown or roll by a strong wave that caused her communication equipment to go out, or the boat sustained structural damage that was preventing her from sailing.

The worst case would be if she was in the water or in her life raft. "It's an extreme set of conditions with the winds, the force of the waves," he said.

A person lost at sea can typically survive 12 days on average without fresh water and a month without food, according to survival experts □



# Cavernous Guatemala sinkhole prompts evacuations




A sinkhole created by tropical storm Agatha covers a street intersection in downtown of Guatemala City on Sunday, May 30, 2010. Torrential rains brought by the first tropical storm of the 2010 season pounded Central America and southern Mexico, triggering deadly landslides.

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — A massive sinkhole that gulped down a clothing factory and an entire intersection in Guatemala's capital is mystifying geologists who have yet to figure out what caused it. "It's the million-dollar question," said David Monterroso, a geophysical engineer with the National

*Associated Press.*

Disaster Management Agency. Nearly 100 feet deep and 66 feet wide, the hole formed during a deadly tropical storm in late May. Officials have not confirmed any fatalities, though neighbors say they believe a security guard using a public phone was sucked in and died. One popular theory that has played widely in Guatemalan media is that flow from broken sewage ducts ate away at the earth until the ground above caved in. Another sinkhole that swallowed several homes and killed three people in the same area in 2007 was blamed on rain and an underground sewage leak. But Monterroso said Thursday that not all the evidence is in. "We could say the cavern formed because of leaky pipes, but it could also be true that when the cavern was forming, it created the fissures in the pipes." "It's the chicken-and-egg question," he told The Associated Press. He said crews are waiting for needed equipment and will soon descend into the cavernous hole to investigate further. Officials are still considering whether it can be filled, as a local cement company suggests, with a mix of cement and volcanic ash from the May 27 eruption at the nearby Pacaya volcano. The government has evacuated everyone who lives and works near the sinkhole over fears it could widen, but officials say it's unlikely any new holes will form. □



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**Pope Benedict XVI greets faithful at the end of a meeting in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican to celebrate the end of the Church's year of the priest, Thursday, June 10, 2010. Thousands of priest from around the world gathered in St. Peter's square in a major show of support for Pope Benedict XVI amid the clerical abuse scandal.**

**NICOLE WINFIELD**  
Associated Press Writer

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI strongly defended celibacy for priests as a sign of faith in an increasingly secular world Thursday, insisting on a church tradition that has increasingly come under scrutiny amid the clerical sex abuse scandal. Benedict didn't directly mention the crisis that has rocked the Catholic Church for months in his comments

*Associated Press* to some 15,000 priests who massed in St. Peter's Square. But in an apparent reference to the crisis, Benedict spoke about "secondary scandals" that showed "our own insufficiencies and sins." Benedict's comments came during an evening vigil service to mark the end of the Vatican's year of the priest — a year that has been marred by revelations of hundreds of new cases of clerical abuse, cover-up and Vatican inaction

# Pope defends celibacy for priests at Vatican rally

to root out pedophile priests. There had been speculation that Benedict might again refer to the scandal during the priestly gathering, following his recent comments en route to Portugal during which he acknowledged that it was born of the "sin within the church" and not from outside elements. Previously, Vatican officials, Vatican publications and cardinals had blamed the scandal on the media, the Masons and anti-Catholic lobbies, among others. But Benedict didn't directly address it Thursday night. He is due to celebrate a final Mass on Friday before the three-day priest rally comes to a close. The main U.S. clerical abuse victims group, Survivors Network for those Abused by Priests, said Benedict had passed up a perfect opportunity to announce clear steps to protect children and insist that abusive priests be reported to police. Benedict responded to

preselected questions from five priests and none asked for his thoughts about the scandal. One asked him to speak instead about what he called the "beauty of celibacy," which he said was so often criticized in the secular world. The pope acknowledged that celibacy was itself "a great scandal" in a world where people have no need for God. But he called it "a great sign of faith, of the presence of God in the world." Against the so-called scandal of such faith "there are also secondary scandals, that of our own insufficiencies and sins that hide the true scandal," he said. The Vatican has long denied that its celibacy requirement was the root cause of priests who rape and sodomize children. Yet the requirement — which is a tradition in the church but is not part of church doctrine — has come under increasing questioning amid the scandal and even some

top prelates have called for an honest examination of it. While the pope didn't directly address the crisis, priests visiting Rome for the rally spoke openly about it, saying it was painful — even shameful to them since it reflected badly on all of them. "Well, I think it was really first a matter of pain, of sadness then a bit of shame because in Belgium we had bishops, not priests who had to resign," said Belgian priest the Rev. Jean Pierre Herman. "The church isn't perfect. Priests are men. Among priests there are those who will become saints, there are good priests and there are criminals as well. So it happens," he said. Said the Rev. Fernando Cerero from the diocese di Coatzacoalcos in Mexico, "We felt much shame and sadness, but this is an opportunity (for priests) to reflect on our ministry." "It is an opportunity for holiness," he said. □

## Bus crash kills 3 Britons in S.Africa ahead of World Cup

**MARK WALSH,**  
Associated Press Writer

NELSPRUIT, South Africa (AP) — Three British students were killed when a bus crashed Thursday near one of South Africa's World Cup host cities, police and British officials said. Provincial police spokesman Capt. Leonard Hlathi told The Associated Press the vehicle was carrying 22 people — including 18 students and two teachers — when it veered off the road near the town of Barberton, just outside the World Cup host city of Nelspruit in northeast South Africa. Capt. Hlathi said two female students died in the wreckage. A male student died later in hospital. Four people were in intensive care or were in a "highly dependent" state, while another eight were staying in

hospital overnight in Nelspruit, a British High Commission spokesman told the Press Association later Thursday. "My thoughts and prayers are with the families of the three young people who have died in this tragic accident," the British High Commissioner to South Africa, Nicola Brewer, said in a statement. The students and two lecturers who were injured were part of a tour group from Brooksby Melton College in Leicestershire, England. The group had reportedly arrived in South Africa on June 1 for a field trip and was due to leave Friday. Police said a Zimbabwean driver and a South African tour guide were also on the bus when it overturned. The driver had reportedly been treated and released from hospital. Capt. Hlathi said a tourist safety doctor and a bus safety

inspector from the provincial traffic department attended the crash and some of the injured were treated at the scene. Brenda Greaves, whose 20-year-old daughter Rachel was among the injured students, told British Broadcasting Corp. she had spoken to her daughter, who was treated for abdominal pain after the accident. "She said that they were going round a very nasty bend and the driver just lost control and that the bus just toppled over." Brooksby Melton College issued a statement confirming that 18 adult students and two teachers involved in its animal management and welfare course were in the accident. "As you can imagine, we are all deeply shocked and our thoughts and concerns are for the students, their families and staff involved," college



**A bus lies off the highway near Barberton town 40 kilometer from Nelspruit, South Africa, Thursday June 10, 2010. Two Britons who were part of a school group touring South Africa have been killed in a bus crash.**

principal Chris Ball was quoted as saying. "We would like to assure all our students and their parents and families that we will support them at this very difficult time." □





# 5 TV shows that should be movies



**FILE** - In this undated publicity photo originally released by Fox, Jason bateman, center, and Michael Cera, right, are shown in a scene from the TV series 'Arrested Development'.

(AP Photo/Fox, Sam Urdank)

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**,  
AP Movie Critic

**LOS ANGELES** — The cinematic landscape is littered with terrible movies based on television shows. From “Leave It to Beaver” and “Bewitched” to “The Dukes of Hazzard” and “Starsky & Hutch,” the vast majority of these adaptations have not exactly been must-sees. And we won’t even begin to discuss movies based on “Saturday Night Live” sketches. There

simply aren’t enough hours in the day.

But with “The A-Team” arriving in theaters this weekend, it’s a good time to ponder some other programs that are ready to make that leap:

- “Arrested Development.” One of the smartest, funniest, most inventive shows ever, it barely lasted three seasons. Critics loved it, few others watched it. But while there’s

been talk of bringing the dysfunctional Bluth family to the big screen ever since the series ended in 2006, the project remains up in the air. David Cross, who played Tobias Funke, said he doubted it would happen. Will Arnett, who played Gob Bluth, said at the Fox upfront that the movie would be a go someday, but that a new comedy he’s doing with “Arrested Development” creator Mitch Hurwitz was delaying production. And Jason Bateman, who was at the center of the family as Michael Bluth, also has said he was optimistic. If anyone knows for sure, we’ll be hanging out by the banana stand.

- “The Golden Girls.” Even though three of the four stars are no longer with us — Bea Arthur, Estelle Getty and Rue McClanahan — the series’ core concept and its mix of brash humor and friendship would seem to be a hit with moviegoers, especially those of a certain age, for whom the pickings are slim at the multiplex. Just think about it: Four older women with distinct personalities, sharing a home in Miami, teasing and sometimes bickering with each other but remaining loyal throughout. The racy jokes that marked the show’s sense of humor could be even more

daring in film form. It could also be known by its alternate title, “Sex and the City 3.”

- “Jeopardy!” There are so many potential benefits here. First, by seeing it repeatedly, you can look like a total smarty pants in front of your friends, who will have no idea you’re just memorizing the answers. Ooh! Sing-alongs to the theme song during the Final Jeopardy round. To make it even more interactive, people in the audience could throw fries at the screen whenever Alex Trebek pronounces a word in show-offy, perfect French. And speaking of Trebek, there could be flashbacks attached to various questions, revealing the path he took to game-show greatness. That’s never been done before.

- The “Joan Rivers Classics Collection” on QVC. The comedian and “Celebrity Apprentice” winner can talk, as we know from her catchphrase. And she’s been peddling her line of jewelry and accessories through the home-shopping channel for about 20 years. Wouldn’t it be more fun to see her sell her stuff with all the foul-mouthed candor of her stand-up routine? You could watch her work blue as she tries to sell you a turquoise-colored necklace and matching earrings. And this would be a rare opportunity in which you’d be encouraged to use your cell phone in the theater — ‘cause there’d be no way to resist dialing in and making that purchase right NOW!

- “Yule Log.” It’s a Christmas-morning staple at local television stations across the country: a shot of a piece of wood, burning in a fireplace, for hours on end while traditional carols swell in the background. Now imagine spending Christmas morning watching it on the big screen. It would seem ... warmer somehow, right? Buy a present for yourself, sneak a little eggnog in, maybe even

make some new friends. Best of all, you get to escape your in-laws while still enjoying all the comforts of the holiday ☐



**FILE** - In this May 20, 2010 file photo, singer Marc Anthony is seen on stage at the amfAR Cinema Against AIDS benefit at the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc, during the 63rd Cannes international film festival, in Cap d’Antibes, southern France.

(AP Photo/Joel Ryan, file)

## NYC parade will have a king: Marc Anthony

**NEW YORK** — Marc Anthony will be the king of New York’s annual Puerto Rican Day Parade on Sunday.

The Creativelink agency quoted the singer Thursday as saying that he was very proud to receive the recognition from the parade organizers and the community.

The agency says Anthony had initially intended to make only a brief appearance but cleared his schedule for his new starring role.

Actor Osvaldo Rios dropped out this week as the parade’s international godfather after critics called for a boycott. Rios was convicted on a domestic violence charge in 2003. Rio said he had learned his lesson and asked for forgiveness.

Anthony, who is of Puerto Rican descent, recently released a new album, “Iconos” (EE’-koh-nohs.) This week it was ranked No. 11 on Billboard’s Top 200. ☐

## Soweto concert on World Cup eve draws fans



**Spectators wave South African flags before the opening concert for the soccer World Cup at Orlando stadium in Soweto, Johannesburg, Thursday, June 10, 2010. The Soccer World Cup is to be kicked off on Friday, June 11.**

(AP Photo/Gero Breloer)

**JOHANNESBURG** — Africa’s first World Cup and featuring international headliners

Shakira, the Black Eyed Peas and Alicia Keys.

Seats were steadily being filled Thursday at Soweto’s 40,000-seat Orlando stadium — as was the dance floor on the pitch. Stars from the continent are also on the bill, including South Africa’s Hugh Masekela and Angelique Kidjo of Benin.

Speaking before the concert, cast members celebrated sports and arts as unifying forces. Concertgoer Tumi Mohafa agreed, saying the mix of races in an area where blacks once were confined is a sign of how far South Africa has come since apartheid ended in 1994. ☐



# BUSINESS

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# Stocks surge on US jobs data, China trade growth



**FILE** - In this May 25, 2010 file photo, trader Albert Young, center, watches the numbers on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, in New York. Stock futures rose Thursday, June 10, 2010, after reports showed China's economy has not been slowed by the European sovereign debt crisis.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew, file)

By **STEPHEN BERNARD**  
and **TIM PARADIS**,  
AP Business Writers

**NEW YORK** — Investors have sent the Dow Jones industrials back above 10,000 after a stream of upbeat economic news convinced them that maybe things aren't so bad after all. The Dow rose 273 points to 10,172. All the major indexes climbed more than 2.5 percent. Falling Treasury prices pushed interest rates higher as demand for safe investments eased. Energy stocks led the market higher after they slid in Wednesday's late trading on concerns that BP would be forced to cut its dividend because of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. BP rose 12.3 percent from a 14-year low, while Anadarko Petroleum Corp., which has a minority stake in the rig that caused the spill, rose 12.4 percent.

Most bank stocks rose but Goldman Sachs Group Inc. fell 2.2 percent to its lowest level in a year following news reports that it was target of another investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The SEC has already filed civil fraud charges against the company. Investors have pounded stocks for more than a month because of concerns that Europe's sovereign debt crisis would slow a rebound worldwide. Thursday's advance was the latest swing in market that has been volatile for weeks, including three late-day slides in the

past four days. Some of the advance could be coming from what's known as "short-covering." That's when traders are forced to buy stock after having earlier sold borrowed shares in a bet that the market would fall. The moves can add to the market's climb.

Markets around the world rose after China said exports rose 48.5 percent in May, while imports jumped 48.3 percent. The increase in trade provides some relief to fears that debt problems in Europe would halt a global economic recovery. The 27-nation European Union is China's largest trading partner. China has said it wanted to cool its economy to keep it from getting overheated and forming speculative bubbles. Traders had grown concerned that China would inadvertently slow growth too much and hurt a global rebound.

"China so far has been able to pull this off," said John Apruzzese, partner and equity portfolio manager at Evercore Wealth Management in New York. "There's more focus on Europe but I think it's more about China."

The Dow rose 273.28, or 2.8 percent, to 10,172.53. It was the Dow's first close above 10,000 this week and its biggest gain since May 27 when it climbed nearly 285 points after China said it didn't plan to cut its holdings of European government bonds.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 31.15, or 3 percent, to 1,086.84, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 59.86, or 2.8 percent, to 2,218.71.

Brian Lazorishak, portfolio manager at Chase Investment Council in Charlottesville, Va., said he wants to see the market at least hold its gains for a few days before he considers Thursday's advance as more than a blip.

"We've all become a little gun-shy," he said.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 3.33 percent from 3.18 percent late Wednesday.

The euro, used by 16 countries in Europe, rose to \$1.2125. The currency has become an indicator of investor confidence in Europe's economy. It has also influenced stock markets in recent weeks because of concerns that rising debt in countries like Greece, Spain and Portugal would upend the global recovery.

While investors worry about how Europe's debt problems could hurt the rest of the world, there are also concerns about the job market in the U.S. An unemployment rate of 9.7 percent remains one of the biggest obstacles to a strong domestic rebound. □

## Americans rebuilding wealth, slowly and unevenly

By **JEANNINE AVERSA**  
and **DAVE CARPENTER**,  
AP Business Writers

**WASHINGTON** — The rebuilding of Americans' wealth is proceeding in steps rather than strides.

Households' net worth rose last quarter — the fourth straight quarterly gain. Yet tumbling stock prices have reduced their wealth since then. Some economists say Americans' net worth may now be down slightly for the year. That helps explain why many say it will 2012 or 2013, at best, before Americans' wealth will return to its pre-recession levels.

Net worth — the value of assets like homes, bank accounts and investments, minus debts like mortgages and credit cards — rose 2.1 percent last quarter, the Federal Reserve said Thursday. It now amounts to \$54.6 trillion.

In the midst of the recession, household net worth sank as low as \$48.3 trillion. It's since risen 13 percent. Yet even counting last quarter's gain, net worth would have to rise 21 percent more to regain its pre-recession peak of \$65.9 trillion.

Household wealth is vital to the economy because consumers tend to spend according to how wealthy they feel. And their spending accounts for about 70 percent of the economy.

During the recession, sinking home equity and stock prices made shoppers skittish. Should they become more nervous about their finances, the economic rebound could weaken or stall.

Over the past several quarters, the growth of net worth has been uneven. Last quarter's 2.1 percent increase exceeded the 0.9 percent increase in the fourth quarter of last year. But it fell well short of the 4.1 percent rise in the second quarter of 2009 and the 5.4 percent gain in the third quarter.

As Americans have gradually recovered some of their wealth, many of them — especially the affluent — have been spending more. But the housing and

stock markets remain fragile. That's why most consumers aren't spending as freely as they typically do in the early phases of recoveries.

An example is Deena Bogan, 54, of Chicago, who hasn't seen her financial standing improve and is sticking to her frugal ways.

Unable to find a full-time job since leaving her position as a hotel concierge in 2008, she gets by by dipping into her 401(k) retirement account and relying on credit cards.

"I'm still struggling as much as ever," says Bogan, who works as a freelance writer and a temporary worker at trade shows. "The economy seems stagnant. I don't see any huge improvement."

Stock values rose 4.4 percent in the January-to-March period, to the highest point since the second quarter of 2008. But it was before they tumbled in recent weeks. As measured by the Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index, stock values lost \$1.22 trillion in value between March 31 and the close of trading Wednesday.

The sharp decline in the past month and a half threatens the improvements in Americans' financial security over the past year.

The S&P 500 rose 4.9 percent in the first quarter. By April 23 the index had gained 9.2 percent for the year. It was on pace to exceed even last year's 23 percent surge. □



## SPORTS

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## St Jude Classic

## Westwood opens with 7-under 63 for Memphis lead

TERESA M. WALKER

AP Sports Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Lee Westwood shot a 7-under 63 Thursday, taking a one stroke lead in the opening round at the St. Jude Classic.

The Englishman took advantage of no wind and a rain-softened course to equal his best score on the PGA Tour in the suspended first round. The world's No. 3-ranked player tied the course record for the back nine with a 29 with four of his five birdies and an eagle. He parred out his final eight holes.

"Pleased with the start, 63 is always a good start," Westwood said. "I couldn't be disappointed with that. Could have been better, but I'm not going to cry too much about missing from 4 feet on the last." Not bad for someone who flew from London to San Francisco to play 27 holes Sunday at Pebble Beach with another 18 Monday before heading to Memphis.



Lee Westwood, of England, watches his shot after chipping out of a bunker on the 17th hole during the first round of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament Thursday, June 10, 2010, in Memphis, Tenn.

Associated Press

Westwood played nine holes Tuesday and a practice round Wednesday in his first visit to this course, but wound up with near-perfect scoring conditions in the eighth group off the 10th tee Thursday.

"My caddie said normally there's a bit of breeze that blows. You try and score when you get your morning time on the first two days when it's fairly calm, so that's what I tried to do," Westwood said.

Casey Wittenberg shot a 64, Padraig Harrington had a 65 and Tim Petrovic, John Senden and Bob Estes were among eight tied at 66 before a severe thunderstorm stopped play for nearly an hour. The round was suspended with 20 golfers left on the course.

No one teeing off in the afternoon cracked the leaderboard with muggy conditions smothering the course with 100-degree heat, and wind that usually toughens this course staying relatively still before the

storms developed.

"It was probably as easy conditions as you will get out here on Southwind," said Garrett Willis, who shot 66 in the morning.

Defending champ Brian Gay, who was under par each round in winning a year ago, opened with a 73. Jordan Spieth, the Texas teen who became the sixth-youngest player to make a PGA cut at the Byron Nelson last month, also shot a 73.

Westwood is playing on a sponsor's exemption extended after being originally turned down. That prompted him to joke to reporters at the time it might be due to his sponsorship deal with UPS for an event in a town where rival FedEx is headquartered. He had been given an exemption two years ago, then withdrew a week before the tournament.

It was his first time in Memphis and Westwood said it was a great place to prepare for the upcoming U.S. Open.

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This Sept. 17, 2005, file photo shows University of Southern California head coach Pete Carroll, left, celebrating with Reggie Bush after Bush scored a first-quarter touchdown against the University of Arkansas, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The NCAA slapped a two-year bowl ban on football power

## USC hit hard by NCAA sanctions

Southern California Thursday for providing improper benefits to Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush dating to the Trojans' 2004 national championship.

USC was also giving four years' probation, loss of scholarships and forfeits of an entire year's games for a lack of institutional control in the ruling by the NCAA following its four-year investigation. The report cited numerous improper benefits for Bush and former basketball player O.J. Mayo, who spent just one year with the Trojans.

The basketball team escaped any further action by the NCAA, five months after the university banned itself from postseason play and vacated

its victories during Mayo's season.

The coaches who presided over the alleged misdeeds — football's Pete Carroll and basketball's Tim Floyd — left USC in the past year. USC reacted with uniform outrage to the harshness of the sanctions, promising an appeal.

"I'm absolutely shocked and disappointed in the findings of the NCAA," Carroll said in a video statement produced by the NFL's Seattle Seahawks, who hired him in January. "I never thought it would come to this."

The penalties include the loss of 30 football scholarships over three years and vacating 14 victories in which Bush

played from December 2004 through the 2005 season. USC beat Oklahoma in the BCS title game on Jan. 4, 2005, and won 12 games during Bush's Heisman-winning 2005 season, which ended with a loss to Texas in the 2006 BCS title game.

Bill Hancock, the executive director of the BCS, said a committee will meet to consider vacating USC's 2004 championship. While no action would go into effect until USC's appeals are heard by the NCAA, Hancock said there would be no 2004 champion if USC's victory is vacated.

"I take the same stance as our university," new football coach Lane Kiffin said.

"There is some guilt, but the punishment is too severe. That's why the appeal process is taking place."

The rulings are a sharp repudiation of the Trojans' decade of stunning football success under Carroll, who won seven straight Pac-10 titles and two national championships before abruptly returning to the NFL.

The NCAA says Bush received lavish gifts from two fledgling sports marketers hoping to sign him. The men paid for everything from hotel stays and a rent-free home where Bush's family apparently lived to a limousine and a new suit when he accepted his Heisman Trophy in New York in December 2005. □



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# 4-time champ Roddick knocked out at Queen's

LONDON (AP) — Andy Roddick made his earliest exit in nine years from the Queen's Club grass-court championships when he was ousted in the third round by 14th-seeded Dudi Sela of Israel on Thursday.

Roddick, a four-time champion at Queen's, lost 6-4, 7-6 (8).

Three of the top five seeds failed to survive on Thursday, with No. 2 Novak Djokovic and No. 5 Marin Cilic joining No. 4 Roddick as third-round losers. Djokovic fell 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 to Xavier Malisse of Belgium, and Cilic was beaten 7-6 (2), 6-2 by 12th-seeded Michael Llodra of France.

Top-seeded Rafael Nadal survived a fierce challenge from Denis Istomin of Uzbekistan, reaching the quarterfinals with a 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-4 victory.

Nadal brushed aside injury concerns after he received treatment to his right leg after losing the second set.

"I called the physio to check how was the leg, and, well, I am still doing some tests," Nadal said. "I have to be sure

that there's nothing dangerous, because, you know, the situation is if something happens this week, it's difficult to be ready (for Wimbledon) in one week.

"I am not thinking right now about going out of the tournament. I think I will play tomorrow. Sure, I have to be careful and I have to check a little bit more."

Nadal struggled to overcome Istomin, who rallied well and made few unforced errors in their first meeting.

After Nadal edged the first set in a tiebreaker, Istomin took the second with a break in the opening game.

In the decider, Nadal served for the match at 5-3 and held two match points, and although Istomin broke him, the Spaniard earned the victory on his third match point by breaking his opponent with a forehand winner.

Djokovic was scathing in his criticism of tournament officials for making him play in conditions he considered dangerous.

"The conditions today are impossible," Djokovic said. "Under these conditions, to be able to play a professional tennis match, this is ridiculous."

"The whole match you can feel the rain and the court was extremely slippery. A couple of times I could have injured myself, to stretch the muscle or something like that."

Third-seeded Andy Murray also faced an early exit as he trailed American Mardy Fish 3-0 in the final set, but the Scot fought back to 3-3 and was furious when play was suspended because of poor light.

Roddick was under pressure for the entire match and failed to convert two set points in the tiebreaker before Sela clinched victory on his second match point by striking a backhand winner.

"He played great," Roddick said. "Credit to him. I think he had a very specific game plan, and I thought he executed it very well and never dug himself a hole on any service games, never had any sloppy errors."

"I think I could have done some things differently, but I thought he played a pretty perfect match. He outplayed me today."



Dudi Sela, right, of Israel is congratulated by Andy Roddick of the US after Sela defeated him in their third round tennis match at the Queen's Club grass court Championships in London, Thursday, June 10, 2010.

*Associated Press*

Sela will next face Germany's Rainer Schuettler, who had a walkover when 11th-seeded Richard Gasquet withdrew with a back injury. Seventh-seeded Sam Querrey of the United States advanced with a 6-4, 7-6 (5) win over Marcel Granollers of Spain, while No. 8 Feliciano Lopez beat Julien Benneteau of France 6-2, 6-4. □

## Vogondy wins 4th stage of Dauphine

RISOUL, France (AP) — Nicolas Vogondy of France won Thursday's fourth stage of the Criterium du Dauphine after breaking away in the last two kilometers of the final ascent.

Vogondy finished ahead of fellow Frenchman Romain Sicard, while Janez Brajkovic of Slovenia came third to retain the race leader's jersey at the end of the punishing 210.5-kilometer trek from Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux to the Alpine ski resort of Risoul.

Two-time Tour de France winner Alberto Contador of Spain was fourth in the race's first Alpine stage and remained behind RadioShack rider Brajkovic, who captured the overall lead on Wednesday by winning the individual time trial.

"I've been the French champion twice but to win at the Dauphine, with all the champions who are here, it's another story," Vogondy said.

"It's like a dream. This is crazy."

"Our Bbox Bouygues Telecom team has been going well since the beginning of the season and it is continuing here, it's fantastic. For us, the Dauphine is already a success."

After pulling clear in the last two kilometers, Vogondy had to resist a late charge by Sicard, who closed to within 12 seconds. Brajkovic kept Contador under control as both riders lost 15 seconds. □



France's Nicolas Vogondy celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the fifth stage of the 62nd Dauphine Libere cycling race between Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux and Risoul in the French Alps, Thursday, June 10, 2010.

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Cleveland Indians' Justin Masterson pitches in the second inning in a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox, Wednesday, June 9, 2010, in Cleveland.

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CLEVELAND (AP) — Justin Masterson beat his former team by pitching a two-hitter for his first career shutout as the Cleveland Indians routed the Boston Red Sox 11-0 Wednesday. Travis Hafner hit his 10th career grand slam — first since May 7, 2007 — in an eight-run eighth inning against Boston's bullpen.

Masterson (2-5) faced the Red Sox for the first time. It was the first complete-game shutout by an Indians pitcher against Boston since Jack McDowell in 1996. Masterson was sent from Boston to Cleveland with two minor league pitchers for Victor Martinez just before last year's trade deadline.



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## AL Roundup

# Masterson blanks former team; Indians rout Red Sox

### Rays 10, Blue Jays 1

At St. Petersburg, Florida, David Price became the American League's first nine-game winner as Tampa Bay hit three home runs in a victory over Toronto.

Dioner Navarro, Ben Zobrist and Carlos Pena hit solo shots for the Rays, who have won the first two games of a three-game set to take their ninth consecutive series from Toronto. Sean Rodriguez had three hits and three RBIs.

Price (9-2) allowed one run and four hits in six innings with five walks and four strikeouts. The left-hander has won all three of his starts this season against the Blue Jays, giving up three runs — one earned — over 23 innings.

### White Sox 15, Tigers 3

At Chicago, Ramon Castro and Brent Lillibridge hit three-run homers as Chicago routed Detroit.

Castro connected in a seven-run fourth inning and Lillibridge's pinch-hit shot came in a seven-run eighth. Alexei Ramirez also homered and Omar Vizquel had three hits and drove in three runs.

Freddy Garcia (6-3) improved to 18-6 lifetime against the Tigers.

Rick Porcello (4-6) allowed a season-high eight runs on eight hits in 3 1-3 innings, his shortest start of the season.

### Yankees 4, Orioles 2

At Baltimore, CC Sabathia allowed two runs over seven

innings in another winning effort against Baltimore, and Robinson Cano contributed three hits for the New York Yankees.

The Yankees bounced back from an early 2-0 deficit to win their 10th straight against Baltimore. The Yankees are 10-1 against the Orioles this season and have outscored them 65-29. Sabathia (6-3) defeated Baltimore for the second time in a week. The left-hander is 13-1 lifetime against the Orioles, including four wins this season.

Joba Chamberlain worked the eighth and Mariano Rivera got three outs for his 14th save.

### Rangers 12, Mariners 2

At Arlington, Texas, Josh Hamilton homered and drove in three runs, and C.J. Wilson pitched seven effective innings as Texas beat Seattle.

Hamilton's two-run shot keyed a six-run burst in the second inning against Ian Snell (0-5). The Rangers are 7-2 against the Mariners this season.

Hamilton has three homers and 10 RBIs in his last six games.

Michael Young homered and Vladimir Guerrero added three hits for Texas. Seattle has lost five of six.

### Twins 6, Royals 2

At Minneapolis, Carl Pavano pitched eight strong innings and Delmon Young homered as Minnesota beat Kansas City.

Joe Mauer hit an RBI double and Jason Kubel had two hits to back Pavano (6-6), who lost three of his previous four starts. The right-hander limited Kansas City to two runs and six hits while striking out one. He retired his last nine batters.

Angels 7, Athletics 1

At Oakland, Joe Saunders threw a complete game, Erick Aybar had a two-run triple among his four hits and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Oakland Athletics.

Dallas Braden dropped to 0-4 with a 4.75 ERA in six starts since his perfect game against Tampa Bay on May 9.

Saunders (5-6) took a shutout bid into the ninth before giving up Kevin Kouzmanoff's RBI single. Saunders, who shut out the A's 4-0 on May 14 in Braden's first start after that perfect game, was efficient all night this time in an impressive 101-pitch outing that took 2 hours, 26 minutes.

Juan Rivera homered in the eighth as the first-place Angels rebounded from a 10-1 loss a night earlier for their seventh win in eight games — and seventh in eight at Oakland.

**In AL games it was, Cleveland 11, Boston 0; N.Y. Yankees 4, Baltimore 2; Tampa Bay 10, Toronto 1; Texas 12, Seattle 2; Chicago White Sox 15, Detroit 3; Minnesota 6, Kansas City 2; and L.A. Angels 7, Oakland 1.** □

## ST. JUDE CLASSIC

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"I've never been to Memphis, so it's somewhere I wanted to come and play," Westwood said. "It's the week before the U.S. Open. I like to be competitive before a major championship. I played Houston before the Masters. Being competitive means more to me than actually adapting to the conditions. ... I like to get used to making the 3-, 4-footers when they mean something."

Westwood mixed good putting with strong iron play, needing only 11 of his 24 putts through

his first 10 holes. He rolled in a 30-footer on the par-4, 15th and a 15-footer on the par-4, 18th for birdies. He stuck a 5-wood within 4 feet to set up his eagle putt on the par-4, No. 16.

The putter failed him on his 18th hole, the par-4, No. 9, as he just missed from 4 feet.

Westwood matched the 63 he shot during the third-round of the 2005 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational. The 37-year-old Englishman is playing well this year, having made the cut in all seven events here this year including second at the Masters with four top 10s. □



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## NL Roundup

# Cubs club 5 homers off Wolf to beat Brewers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Derrek Lee hit his 300th homer, Marlon Byrd and Geovany Soto hit two each as the Chicago Cubs powered past the Milwaukee Brewers 9-4 on Wednesday.

Chicago's five homers marked its biggest outburst this season and were more than the Cubs hit in the previous nine games combined.

All the offense helped starter Carlos Zambrano (2-4) win his first game since returning to the rotation and overshadowed the fact that he wasn't very sharp again.

Byrd hit a two-run homer in the first inning, Soto led off with a shot in the second and Chicago launched three more in the fifth off Randy Wolf (4-6) when Lee hit his 300th, Byrd followed with another and Soto capped it with a two-run drive that made it 8-3.

### Dodgers 4, Cardinals 3

At Los Angeles, Manny Ramirez hit a two-run homer and Blake DeWitt also had two RBIs as Los Angeles swept a three-game series from the St. Louis Cardinals.

James Loney tied a career high with four hits, helping Los Angeles extend St. Louis' losing streak to a season-worst four.

The Dodgers won for the 23rd time in 30 games.

Clayton Kershaw (6-3) struck out 10 in seven innings. Jonathan Broxton gave up a

leadoff single to Albert Pujols in the ninth and a two-out, ground-rule double to Yadier Molina before retiring Randy Winn on a grounder for his 16th save in 18 chances.

Adam Wainwright (8-4) gave up four runs, eight hits and a season-high five walks in six innings.

### Nationals 7, Pirates 5

At Washington, Ryan Zimmerman grounded a go-ahead single off the shin of Pittsburgh reliever D.J. Carrasco in the seventh inning as Washington, still buzzing after Stephen Strasburg's dazzling debut, beat the Pirates.

A night after a sellout crowd of 40,315 watched Strasburg strike out 14 Pirates in winning his big league debut, only 18,876 fans turned out. They saw Pittsburgh's Brad Lincoln, the fourth overall pick in the 2006 draft, give up five runs in six innings in his first major league game.

It was 5-5 when Cristian Guzman singled in the seventh off Carrasco (1-2) and later scored on Zimmerman's hit.

### Reds 6, Giants 3

At Cincinnati, leadoff man Orlando Cabrera got the National League's top offense going with three doubles and a single and Aaron Harang rebounded from his shortest start of the season to lead Cincinnati over San Francisco.

Chicago Cubs' Lou Piniella (41) congratulates Derrek Lee (25) after Lee hit a home run during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers, Wednesday, June 9, 2010, in Milwaukee.

Associated Press

Cabrera scored three times. Scott Rolen hit a pair of RBI doubles and Jonny Gomes drove in three.

Harang (5-5) gave up five hits and two runs in seven innings. The right-hander lasted a season-low four innings in his previous appearance. Buster Posey hit his first career homer for the Giants. His two-run shot in the second inning landed in the upper deck in left field.

In other NL games it was, Washington 7, Pittsburgh 5; Cincinnati 6, San Francisco 3; Chicago Cubs 9, Milwaukee 4; Houston 6, Colorado 2, 10 innings; Arizona 2, Atlanta 1; and L.A. Dodgers 4, St. Louis 3. □



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# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

### Long time coming: Blackhawks win Stanley Cup

DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) —

The Chicago Blackhawks won their first Stanley Cup since 1961 by beating the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3 in overtime of Game 6 on Wednesday.

Patrick Kane scored the winning goal past Michael Leighton 4:10 into overtime as the Blackhawks became the first team to win on the road this series.

No one but the Blackhawks appeared to know what was going on for a few frozen moments. Kane and his linemates seemed the only players on the ice who knew the puck found the side of the net. The goal light never went on, but that didn't stop most of the Blackhawks from storming the ice and mobbing each other in celebration.

The review was a short one and Kane will go down as scoring one of the biggest winners in team history.

"I was just hoping to God it was just an actual goal," said captain Jonathan Toews, the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as playoff MVP. "They came back hard in the third and we just stuck with it."

Kane raised his arms right away and skated behind the net, knowing the goal was good. While the Flyers sat on the bench in stunned silence with confused looks, the Blackhawks began to celebrate in their own end around goaltender Annti Niemi.



Chicago Blackhawks celebrate after they beat the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3 in overtime to win Game 6 of the NHL Stanley Cup hockey finals Wednesday, June 9, 2010, in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

"I knew it went in right away," Kane said. "What a feeling. I can't believe it. We just won the Stanley Cup. I can't believe this just happened. ... It's something you dream about, scoring the final goal in the Stanley Cup finals."

Toews was first to touch the Cup, taking it from commissioner Gary Bettman and hoisting it above his head in triumph. Marian Hossa, whose last two attempts at a title were denied the last two years with Detroit and Pittsburgh, was next. He lifted it and bench-pressed the big trophy, snapping his head back in exhilaration.

"There's so many great things about winning a Stanley Cup. This is it," Toews said. "This is the best feeling you can ever

get. I just can't believe it's happened."

The Blackhawks completed their revival from the bottom of the NHL to holding the silver trophy on the strength of rising stars Kane and Toews.

"I'm so happy I finally did it," Hossa said. "We couldn't just put our heads down. We had to work, and we knew we could do it." Niemi was solid in goal to help the Blackhawks wrap up their most successful season since Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita led the way 49 years ago.

It ends the longest active championship drought in the NHL. Kane is the first player to score the Stanley Cup clinching goal in overtime since Jason Arnott did it for New Jersey at Dallas exactly 10 years

ago.

"I heard the sound, it was a funny sound," coach Joel Quenneville said of the Cup-winner. "Nobody knew where the puck was. Kane thought it was in."

The Flyers are still looking for their first Stanley Cup since winning consecutive championships in 1974 and 1975.

Just when it appeared the Flyers season was over, Scott Hartnell squeezed out another crucial goal.

With the offense revved into desperation mode, Hartnell was leveled by Toews right in front of the crease as he knocked a loose puck in to make it 3-3 with 3:59 left in the third.

The Flyers faithful turned their white towels into rally symbols only moments after they could have been

used for surrender.

The fans politely applauded when the game was over, but the few thousand who stuck around booed as the Blackhawks took their turns hoisting the silver trophy.

The Blackhawks could almost taste the champagne at the end of the second period.

They ruthlessly attacked the Flyers and it paid off with two should-have-been-stopped goals against Leighton.

Leighton, who had been flawless at home this postseason, couldn't come up with two crucial saves and that helped put Chicago in the driver's seat.

Andrew Ladd, an injury scratch the first three games, deflected Niklas Hjalmarsson's slap shot from the circle with 2:17 left in the second. That made it 3-2 and nearly stood as the winner.

His goal followed Patrick Sharp's soft wrister that scooted under Leighton's left skate to tie it a 2 midway through the period. Sharp's 11th goal of the postseason came during a 4-on-4.

Niemi was barely tested and had as much time to watch the action as the orange-clad fans. Daniel Briere beat him for a 2-1 lead when he came streaking down the right side and went high glove side off a crisp pass from Ville Leino with 12 minutes left. Briere carried through the Flyers all the way to the brink of the title. □

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## An Exquisite wedding at Westin Resort Buffy & Michael unite in matrimony



By Angela Munzenhofer  
WESTIN- Buffy Schneit and Michael Geller of Manhattan, NYC were wed in matrimony on May 30, 2010 at Westin Aruba Resort. Michael went to business/law school and was a securities lawyer for many years. He is now part of a family business who owns multiple Dunkin Donuts stores throughout New Jersey and St Louis.

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## Yesterday at the Paseo Herencia Mall

# "3 IDIOTS" premieres on the Red Carpet



PALM BEACH - After the premier and viewing of the award winning film "3 Idiots" everyone enjoyed a once-in-a-life-time experience.

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# COCA-COLA NORTH AMERICA BRINGS A "Ambiente Feliz"



PALM BEACH - From June 6 till 10 the winners of the Coca-Cola North America, "Red Hot Challenge" visited Aruba during their Motivation Travel Award program. This dynamic group of sales executives are enjoying a little bit of R&R at the Westin Aruba resort.

However, known for its great humanitarian spirit, both Coca-Cola North America, and its executives, wanted to do more during their stay than just enjoying all Aruba has to offer. In the true spirit of the company's world famous jingle "We like to buy the world a home and furnish it with love", these true advocates did just that! They showed that

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*Costa Linda timeshare owners love Aruba*

# Chris and Sharon Friedman renew vows on Aruba



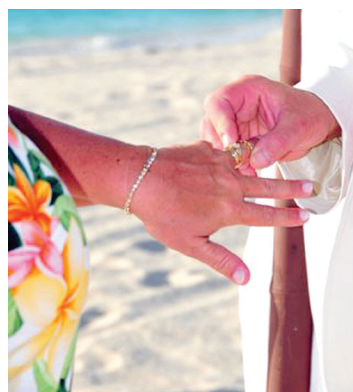
EAGLE BEACH — Sharon Gordon and Chris Friedman married 20 years ago last weekend and celebrated their live long love together on Aruba with a renewal of vows on Eagle Beach. The couple have been together for 29 years and are from Kennon, N.J. and love coming to Aruba for vacation each year for the past 20 years.

Sharon and Chris celebrated their Renewal of vows with family and friends from back home and Sharon's Uncle

Adam flew in all the way from Scotland. Chris is a retired auto mechanic and Sharon is a partner at J.H. Cohen Accounting Firm. Together with their 22 guests consisting of family and friends, they enjoyed a tour

on the Kunuku Bus to Aruba's Lighthouse restaurant for cocktails with a beautiful sunset as a backdrop. The entire group enjoyed the grand finale at the Chalet Swiss Restaurant on Eagle Beach. □

~ Photos by Julia Renfro ~





# COCA-COLA NORTH AMERICA BRINGS A "Ambiente Feliz"



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 "Things Do Go Better with Coke" by giving back to the Aruban community. On Monday, June 7, all eighty winners rolled up their sleeves, picked up their brushes and rollers, and treated the home of "Ambiente Feliz", a non-profit foundation for the mentally impaired, with a complete exterior make-over. The "Ambiente Feliz" was established in 1986 and has been the home for twenty-two residents, around the clock. Coca-Cola North America felt that much help was needed to provide these less fortunate residents with a true "Ambiente Feliz" (happy environment in Papiamentu). It was an afternoon of true camaraderie and bubbling humanitarian spirit ....a sensation which The Coca-Cola Company was able to bottle when they sold their first Coke back on May 8, 1886. Management, staff and residents were thrilled when they returned from their day out to find a beautiful freshly painted home and 80 volunteers waiting to greet them. ECO Destination Management Services of Aruba a long time local event planning company, whose own business philosophy coincides with that of Coca-

Cola North America, was the catalyst that brought Coca-Cola North America and Ambiente Feliz together and orchestrated this Social Corporate Recreational event. Coca-Cola North America and ECO also like to acknowledge their gratitude to the following

partners who helped this project become a smashing success; Mr. Fernando Luidens, host of Aruba's own home improvement TV show "Duimstok", who volunteered his time and expertise in supervising this event and The Aruba Tropical Bottling Company, whose Coca-Cola division was delighted to provide, on a complimentary basis, a line of their great Coke products to keep the volunteers refreshed and active under the hot Aruban sun. □



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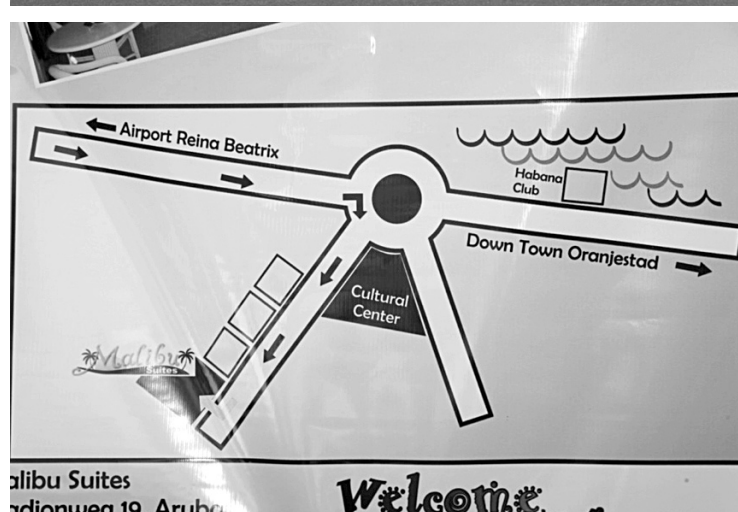
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### HUMAN HINTS

# Power of the Paradox

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As you become comfortable with the concept of a paradox, you will begin to recognize them everywhere.

You will learn to see how to turn the apparent opposition into empowerment through cooperation. Balancing contradictions within yourself is impossible in three dimensional reaction, but from Unity Consciousness, we see conflict in the light of synchronistic cooperation.

We've discussed the paradox of immersing ourselves into three dimensional experience while not becoming

emotionally attached to the physical form. We must use the power of our emotions to manifest our desires, yet we can't be emotionally attached to what our emotions create.

Another paradox is that we create our own realities, but we also agree to the limitations of three dimensional expression at this moment in Human History. There are hardwired programs in this three dimensional world that

we all agreed to, in our quest for self-expression.

In every three dimensional contradiction, there lies a solution in Unity Consciousness. When you're faced with opposition, find the answer in cooperation. Cooperation empowers everyone who contributes to the effort. When you contribute, you attach yourself to the momentum of the project. If your intention is to take from the effort without giving, you will separate yourself from the energy of the Whole.

Once we begin to recognize a paradox when it crosses our path, we will see that no matter what forces are involved, the solutions are the same. Cooperation is not complicated, and natural alignment is simple.

In a solution to a paradox, there is usually compromise for everyone involved, but all parties also benefit in powerful ways. Usually the short-term, immediate benefits must be sacrificed for long-term, big-picture empowerment. It takes maturity to see the big picture, and Humans as a Whole seem to remain locked in games of immature dominance.

Herein lies a paradox, an opportunity. Most individuals throughout the world have absolutely no impact on world events. We want to change the way things are unfolding, but we are each seemingly powerless against the current. Our true power is to hold positive energy within ourselves and use the

energy of cooperation in our own lives. This changes the world.

The Tao is made up of paradoxes. To be is to do. Stillness is the greatest action. Silence is the loudest voice. If you know, you don't say. If you say, you don't know.

In every three dimensional paradox, lies a secret to Unity Consciousness. Explore the paradoxes as they unfold, and they will guide you into Unity.

Until Tomorrow...

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~Quentin Danziger

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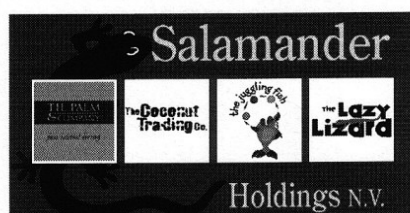
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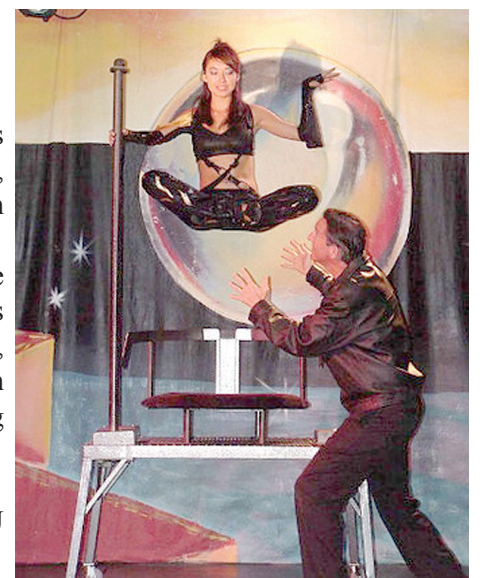
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*An Exquisite wedding at Westin Resort*

# Buffy & Michael unite in matrimony



**By Angela Munzenhofer**  
WESTIN- Buffy Schneit and Michael Geller of Manhattan, NYC were wed in matrimony on May 30, 2010 at Westin Aruba Resort.

Michael went to business/law school and was a securities lawyer for many years. He is now part of a family business who owns multiple Dunkin Donuts stores throughout New Jersey and St Louis. Buffy a CPA at a hedge fund in NYC will now be joining Michael in the family business making donuts.

The lovebirds met on a blind date in Aug 2006. They dated for three years and Michael knew that he found his forever love. While vacationing in Grand Cayman in 2009, Michael surprised Buffy one afternoon on the beach and proposed his love.

They both wanted a beach destination wedding from the very beginning.

Aruba was like home for Buffy's family, they knew they had the perfect destination to make their dreams come true. Buffy's parents had been coming to the island for many years starting with their honeymoon and currently they are Ambassadors and Buffy at least ten times has enjoyed her paradise. Michael, along with his family, had been here a bunch of times as well so they knew the weather was guaranteed and the pristine beaches. Buffy and Michael had planned a Kosher wedding and the Westin Aruba was the most accommodating and easy to work with. Wedding coordinator Inge van Roon made the decision pretty easy for them.



The traditional Jewish wedding ceremony took place at Westin Resort with coconuts that filled the aisle and chairs lined in green sashes to accent the bridal party and tropical décor. Following the ceremony Bella Aruba Photography captured the guests and couples with a 'Once in a Lifetime' photo shoot as everything unfolded under Aruba's stunning sunset. The guests mingled at the cocktail party along the beach and then to the reception at the Terrace Restaurant. The evening was perfect everything detailed to perfection.

The newlyweds the following morning went out with their photographer and enjoyed a fun filled Trash the Dress session at the resort. The finale was the two of them at the pier jumping off into the ocean as Buffy had envisioned.

The wedding could only be described with one word 'elegant' in every detail.

"Our Wedding experience was terrific. The hotel worked so well with our outside caterers, Exquisite catering of New Jersey particularly during the blackout and the night of our rehearsal dinner. Great



teamwork was displayed, we were thoroughly impressed. The wedding itself was magical. We loved our chuppah, the location on the beach, the Terrace restaurant, and the general warm feeling overall that we felt with our guests. Our wedding exceeded our expectations, stated the newlyweds and added "Special thanks to Inge and

Patrick and our caterers for their hard work, our parents who had great ideas and were so supportive throughout the wedding planning process, Angela our wonderful spirited photographer, and to all of our guests who made the trip to Aruba to share the incredible time with us. □

*Photos by Angela Munzenhofer*





# HEALTH

## Aruba TODAY

# Researchers Discover Genetic Patterns of Autism

By ALICE PARK

An international group of researchers reports the discovery of a set of rare genetic variations that may increase susceptibility to autism spectrum disorders. The new study, which came out of the Autism Genome Project Consortium, the largest database of genetic information from families with autism, was published Wednesday in the journal *Nature*. Autism researchers welcomed the new paper as valuable progress in understanding some of the causes of a largely inscrutable disorder. "I think this paper is important because it's one in series of ongoing large studies that continue to really chip away very nicely at the mystery of autism," says Dr. Daniel Geschwind, director of the Center for Autism Research and Treatment at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Since the launch of the

international consortium, a collaboration of more than 120 scientists and 50 institutions, at least two dozen or so genes have been identified and associated with autism spectrum disorders (ASDs). Past studies of twins and families have shown that susceptibility to ASDs is primarily genetic, and researchers estimate that 5% to 15% of autism cases can be traced back to specific, known genes. But the complex genetics of the other 85% cases of ASD have been difficult to untangle. Genes may play a role in these children's vulnerability to autism, but many other factors, such as parental age and other unknown environmental influences, may impact whether they actually develop autism's hallmark deficits in social, cognitive and communication skills.

In the new study, researchers have taken a step toward quantifying the influence of

certain genetic patterns. After conducting detailed genetic analyses and comparing the genomes of 996 people affected with autism and 1,287 matched controls, they found that those with ASDs were 20% more likely to have so-called copy number variations - abnormalities in the number of copies - of specific genes. These changes affect about 1% of people in the general population.

Copy number variations (CNVs) may include either missing copies or additional copies of genes; most genes have exactly two copies, one inherited from the mother and the other from the father. CNVs may also be inherited, but they may pop up spontaneously - in fact, some of the autism-related changes discovered in the current study were found in children but not their parents. If such variations occur in important genes, such as those involved in development, they

could have deleterious effects. These are precisely the CNVs that the consortium scientists have associated with ASDs: most of the genes showing CNVs in autism patients were linked with intellectual ability - and had been previously associated with autism. In the current study, these genes carried a 70% greater likelihood of harboring such copy variations than other autism-related genes.

By conducting a deeper investigation into the genes that showed the CNVs, the consortium also stumbled upon four new genes associated with autism. The new genes, in addition to the nearly two dozen genetic defects already linked to ASDs, will guide researchers toward new targets for treatment, the authors hope. "Prior to 2007, we knew nothing about autism. We knew there was some genetic involvement but we had no details," says senior author Stephen Scherer, a senior scientist at Hospital for Sick Children at University of Toronto. "This study and others that are coming are really starting to crack open the black box and give us a better understanding of what is going on in autism."

What has particularly energized the research community is that all of the genes linked to autism so far, including those discovered in the *Nature* paper, appear to affect similar biochemical pathways in the brain - pathways involved in intellectual development or cell signaling and communication. In the current paper, the consortium scientists overlaid the map of the various genes affected by CNVs on that of previously identified autism genes involved in intellectual development, and saw a gratifying convergence between the two sets.

Such common ground, says

Scherer, may offer shared targets for new drugs, so that even people whose autism has slightly different genetic or environmental causes may benefit from the same therapies. If the biology of the disorder converges on similar pathways in the body, a single treatment or therapy targeted at these pathways could hopefully treat a good proportion of cases.

"We have no good therapeutics for autism and the reason is because we didn't know the pathways involved before, so we couldn't rationally design therapeutics," says Scherer. "Now we have...more targets identified. Some were known before, and some are entirely new, but they all link to known genes in the pathway."

That knowledge comes at a critical time, especially since experts are discovering that autism is a progressive disease, which in many cases can worsen if left untreated. Recent studies suggest that early intervention in infants - even before age 1 - who are suspected of having ASDs could reverse or dampen some of the disorder's more severe symptoms. "Families want to understand what caused their child's autism," says Geraldine Dawson, chief science officer for Autism Speaks and a psychiatrist at University North Carolina Chapel Hill. "They want to have good information about what that means for family planning, for their next child if they are planning one. They also want to be able to detect autism as early as possible because we know that if we provide early intervention in the first years of life, this can have a huge impact on the outcome of the disorder." Ultimately, Dawson says, genetic testing for the CNVs identified by the consortium may become an important part of diagnostic and treatment decisions. □

## Swiss acupuncturist probed over HIV infections

By FRANK JORDANS,  
Associated Press Writer

GENEVA — Authorities in Switzerland are investigating whether an acupuncturist intentionally infected at least 15 people with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, an official said Thursday.

The case shocked Switzerland when it came to light earlier this week, after Swiss tabloid *Blick* reported that authorities had kept silent on the allegations since first receiving a complaint five years ago.

Investigating magistrate Hermann Fleischhackl said a probe was launched after one alleged victim filed a criminal complaint in early 2005.

So far, 19 people with HIV have been found to have had contact with the unidentified acupuncturist, he said.

"Fifteen believe their infection may have something to do with the accused," Fleischhackl told The Associated Press.

"Four people have no explanation for their infection or at least aren't linking it to the accused."

The infections are believed to have taken place between 2001 and 2005, authorities said.

HIV is transmitted through bodily fluids such as blood, semen or breast milk, and it is unclear how the victims were infected with the virus. Several Swiss newspapers have reported that some of the victims claim to have been injected with infected blood.

Fleischhackl declined to comment on the reports, saying the cause of the infection was part of the ongoing investigation.

The magistrate said he will decide by next year whether to recommend the man be formally charged with multiple cases of intentionally spreading a human disease and causing serious bodily harm. The offenses carry maximum penalties of five and 10 years respectively. □



# Game companies ready to show new ways to play



**FILE** - In this Aug. 28, 2009 file photo, video gamer Paulette Rivera, 13, checks a guitar for her video console at the Game Stop store in Los Angeles, Calif. Starting Sunday, June 13, 2010, video game makers will go big to try to convince you that fancy 3-D screens, gesture-recognition cameras and ultra-sensitive motion controllers topped with brightly glowing spheres are what you need to have a good time.

(AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes, file)

By BARBARA ORTUTAY, AP Technology Writer  
NEW YORK – Video game makers are about to try to convince you that fancy 3-D screens, gesture-recognition cameras and ultra-sensitive motion controllers topped

with brightly glowing spheres are what you need to have a good time.

They'll do this as they try to emerge from a slump in the recession, which shocked a business long believed to be protected from, if not totally immune to, the workings of the broader economy.

Much of the industry's success this year is riding on whether Microsoft, Nintendo, Sony and game publishers are able to sway consumers toward new, maybe even pricey ways to experience games — even as free or inexpensive options on Facebook, smart phones and the iPad compete for their attention.

Beginning next week at E3, as the Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles is called, game companies will show off several new mechanisms for playing games. Among them will be Move, which is Sony's new motion controller for the PlayStation 3 and launches this fall, when it is expected to cost less than \$100. A black remote with a color-changing ball on top, it builds on the success of the Nintendo Wii's popular motion-control wand, but it promises more precision. A camera called PlayStation Eye recognizes the glowing orb and uses it to track the remote's position in a 3-D space, further immersing players in the game.

Even so, Fidel Martinez may need a bit of convincing. The 19-year-old PlayStation 3 owner says he likes his button-filled video game controllers just fine, thank you. Walking out of New York's Nintendo World store recently after buying a wallet, Martinez said he doesn't think he'll buy Move.

"It's too weird," said Martinez. "The times I've played (motion-controlled) games has been strange. I'd rather use the old kind."

Sony is betting he'll change his mind.

Richard Marks, senior researcher at the company and the brains behind Move, thinks the controller will appeal to gamers like Martinez, even if they snubbed the Wii's gesturing wand as kids' stuff. "One of our design goals

was to make sure it stood out as a completely different experience that has never been seen before," Marks said.

Serious gamers like Martinez are not the only ones on Sony's radar. The company has been pouring millions of dollars into marketing the PlayStation 3 with the tag line "It only does everything." The goal is to rope in consumers more likely to watch movies and play party games than shoot on-screen enemies for hours on end. "In many regards we are treating the launch of Move like the launch of a new platform," said Peter Dille, senior vice president of marketing for Sony Computer Entertainment. "We believe (it) will help us expand the audience of PS3 users."

Microsoft, too, wants to expand its gaming audience — a concept Nintendo mastered with the 2006 launch of the Wii, which got moms, grandmas and grandpas playing alongside kids as young as 4 or 5.

Natal, Microsoft's upcoming game technology, uses a camera and gesture recognition to turn players' bodies into controllers. After the camera recognizes you — your body shape and movements down to the smallest toss of your hair, you'll be able to swing your hands to swipe at on-screen dodge balls or pretend you're Godzilla and smash virtual buildings with swing of your arm. You could even scan in your real-life skateboard to ride a version of it in a game. "This is really what we like to think of as the rebirth of our brand," said Dennis Durkin, chief operating officer of Microsoft's video game business. "We're trying to set the stage for the next 10 years."

To do that, Microsoft needs to keep appealing to its core gamer fans, mostly men in their 20s, 30s and 40s who count "Halo," "Call of Duty" and "Gears of War" among their favorite entertainment franchises. But, like Sony with the PlayStation 3, it's also selling the Xbox 360 to families as an all-in-one entertainment device. It already streams Netflix and

connects to Facebook.

E3, which has events from Sunday through Thursday, is where many store chains will decide what games and gaming systems, and how many of them, to stock for the holiday shopping season. That period is crucial for the industry, which analysts say gets about 40 percent of its revenue in the final three months of the year. Analyst firm DFC Intelligence estimates that the worldwide video game retail industry will reap revenue of \$59.5 billion this year, down slightly from \$60.4 billion in 2009 and well below the more than \$68 billion in 2008.

Because the industry has yet to fully rebound from the recession, Jesse Divnich, an analyst with Electronic Entertainment Design and Research, called E3 an "inflection point," with game companies under pressure to impress.

While hardcore gamers have flocked to shooters and sequels with loyal predictability, newer, more "casual" players can be fickle. Largely responsible for the runaway success of the Wii, the players who dabble in video games as a hobby but not as a lifestyle can't be expected to spend \$60 every time a new game comes out, even in a better economy. That's why it's important for game companies to sell a wide range of entertainment options.

"Something that is new, something that is true innovation, something that unlocks new experiences," said Microsoft's Durkin, is something families "are willing to pay for."

He may be right. Walking out of the Nintendo World store with her husband with some gifts for her daughter, stay-at-home mom Terri Marrone said she hadn't heard of the new motion controllers from Sony or Microsoft. The family has a Wii, and three Nintendo DS systems, one for each of their kids. As for another motion control system, one that doesn't even need a remote? "We would definitely be interested," said Marrone, who lives in New Brunswick, N.J. "It sounds cool." □

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# Why on Earth Hasn't Obama Spoken with BP's CEO?

Tom Bevan

As it turns out, one of the biggest question marks of Barack Obama's presidency thus far is not whether he could answer a 3am phone call, but why he didn't make one. Tuesday's Today show interview with Matt Lauer garnered an awful lot of attention for the President suggesting he's looking for some "ass to kick" in the Gulf oil spill, but the real revelation came when the President told

Lauer that he hasn't spoken to Tony Hayward, the CEO of BP, since the crisis began more than seven weeks ago:

Lauer: Have you talked directly to Tony Hayward, the CEO of BP?

Obama: I have not spoken to him directly – and here's the reason: because my experience is when you talk to a guy like a BP CEO, he's going to say all the right things to me. I'm not interested in words, I'm interested in action. And we are communicating to him every single day, exactly what we expect of him and what we expect of that administration.

This is not some run of the mill crisis, of course. It is a catastrophic event, the largest environmental disaster in American history. To add even more context, within roughly 48 hours of the sinking of the Deepwater Horizon it became abundantly clear to everyone involved that because of its equipment and expertise, BP would be intimately involved – functioning, in effect, as a contractor for the United States government – in the effort to cap the well.

And yet the President, who is the ultimate authority for the federal government's response to the disaster and who claims to have been on top of this issue from day one, never picked up the phone to speak directly to the man responsible for running BP's operation. Not once. In fifty days.

It's a startling revelation, and Lauer was even taken aback by it:

Lauer: In all due respect, that feels strange to me, that here we've got the CEO of a company that's responsible for the worst environmental disaster in US history, and I think - I'm just curious why you didn't, why you wouldn't pick up the phone and in some ways just give him a piece of your mind?

Obama: Look, this has been the main critique of the administration, is "giving a piece of my mind" to these guys. Look, I would love to vent. I would love to just

shout and holler because I'm thinking about this day in and day out. But my main job is to solve the problem.

But President Obama hasn't had any problem "venting" at fat cat CEO's of Wall Street banks and health insurance companies over the last year in pursuit of his policy agenda. Nor has he displayed any reticence about calling them to the White House to communicate directly with them about what he wanted. And, so far as I know, Obama never expressed any concern that these meetings would be useless because the CEO's would simply just "say all the right things to me."

At its core, though, this isn't about politics, policy, or partisanship. And it isn't about Obama's ability to show emotion, or kick ass, or anything else. It's about one thing: leadership.

How can someone who says they are seriously engaged in leading the country through an ongoing crisis go more than seven weeks without speaking directly with the person whose company is tasked with a critical part of bringing the crisis to an end? Why would someone who claims to be focused night and day on doing whatever is needed to put an end to the catastrophe not want to have a direct line of communication with Hayward? In fact, instead of not speaking at all with Hayward, wouldn't a President who was serious about taking charge of the situation and being as well informed as possible do the opposite and demand that the BP CEO provide him with constant direct updates of BP's efforts in the Gulf, perhaps even on a daily basis?

The reason Obama's decision not to speak to Hayward felt "strange" to Matt Lauer – and feels the same way to millions of Americans as well – is not only because it simply defies common sense, but because it is an abdication of leadership on the part of the President during a time of crisis. □

## Offshore Oil Rig Workers Brace for Crippling Job Losses

Laura Bassett

As many as 75,000 workers in the Gulf Coast area could lose their jobs as a result of the 6-month moratorium on deepwater drilling and halt on 33 currently operating rigs, according to a recent estimate by the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association. For each rig idled by the work stoppage, up to 1,400 jobs are at risk.

"The immediate impacts of the order will be felt by the families of tens of thousands of offshore workers who will be unemployed," Burt Adams, Chairman of the National Ocean Industries Association, said in a statement.

Pat Matte, a 52-year-old oil rig manager in the Gulf, said he is expecting to lose his job in the next few days--one week before his youngest daughter's wedding.

"I borrowed off my 401K for the wedding when everything was going real good, and I had planned on selling some of my stock to pay some of my 401 loan," he said. "Converse tennis shoes needs to be aware of this wedding, cause I got 2,000 dollars on shoes for the whole wedding party. Not only am I afraid of losing my job now--my 401K is going fast."

Matte says out of the approximately 160 people that work on his rig, only 8 or 10 of them are not in danger of losing their jobs.

"I'm with these people more than I'm with my family," he said. "I've lived the last 5 years of my life with them. I know their wives' names, I know their children's names... we're as close as family. It's tough knowing that when we leave the rig, we might not ever see them again, with the way the oil industry is."

Employees on Matte's offshore rig work an odd schedule--two weeks on the rig, two weeks off-- and learn such a specific set of skills that adjusting to a job in any other industry often presents a huge challenge for them, particularly when many of them never received college degrees.

"It's a one of a kind job," Matte said. "A young fellow could get out of high school and come offshore, and in 2 or 3 years he's making 60,000 a year without having to go to college or do good in high school. In 6 or 7, years he could double that. But that's all he knows how to do. There's nothing else in industrial America that's like what we do. You can't go drive a tractor, you can't go drive a truck. You can't build a house. I have a trade I could fall back on, but it's a stretch, it's a far stretch. I'd have to start as an apprentice making \$7.50 an hour."

In addition to worrying about the future of his own family and finances, Matte says, he feels an enormous amount of guilt over the young rig workers with young families who have already gone into significant debt expecting to make that money back on the rig.

"If we see a good deck hand with good initiative who's got promise, we talk them into going into debt, buying a house, buying a car, so they have to stay," he told HuffPost. "We get them into debt. Now all our best hands are scared to death. They got a new family, new kids, just bought a car or motorcycle and we talked them into all this stuff, and they're scared to death of losing everything. What have I done, being a supervisor who's supposed to be teaching these boys how to live the rest of their lives?"

Matte says his hope is that President Obama will eventually realize that this moratorium will cause more damage than it will prevent. "When an airplane crashes, we don't shut down all the flights all over the world," he said. "When Toyota's brakes fail, we don't stop making cars. I think we went way, way overboard with this moratorium, and it's because of the industry we're in. We've always been a really hardworking group, and we got nobody on our side. We're the stepchildren." □



# Venezuela afirma que críticas de Clinton impiden normalizar relaciones con EEUU

CARACAS - Las “torpes e inoportunas” críticas que la secretaria de Estado Hillary Clinton hizo al gobierno de Venezuela alejan “la perspectiva de una normalización de las relaciones políticas” con Estados Unidos, expresa un comunicado oficial venezolano este jueves.

“La señora Hillary Clinton volvió a agredir al gobierno venezolano” con un “tono prepotente e injerencista”. Venezuela “rechaza que desde Estados Unidos se pretendan dictar normas para el funcionamiento de nuestras democracias”, dice el texto.

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“Debería sentir dolor por el sufrimiento de los millones de estadounidenses que hoy pierden sus trabajos y sus

viviendas, víctimas de la

crueldad del sistema social estadounidense”, respondió el gobierno venezolano en el

comunicado.

“Estas torpes e inoportunas declaraciones (...) no hacen sino alejar la perspectiva de

una normalización de las relaciones políticas entre nuestros países, para lo cual el trato igualitario y el respeto a la soberanía son una condición innegociable”, agregó.

Chávez ya había rechazado el jueves la postura de Clinton, lamentando que existan “40 millones de pobres en Estados Unidos” producto de las políticas “del imperio” estadounidense.

Con la llegada de Barack Obama a la presidencia la tensión entre Estados Unidos y Venezuela pareció bajar, cuando ambos gobiernos hicieron retornar sus respectivos embajadores, retirados durante la administración de George W. Bush, con quien Chávez tuvo pésimas relaciones.

No obstante, las relaciones bilaterales se han vuelto a enturbiar en los últimos meses. □

## Venezuela descarta exigir visa a colombianos

CARACAS (AP) - La dependencia encargada de migración descartó las versiones que aseguraban que Venezuela comenzaría a exigir próximamente visado a los turistas colombianos, informó la agencia estatal de noticias.

El Servicio Administrativo de Identificación, Migración y Extranjería (Saime) negó el miércoles, a través de un comunicado, que Venezuela tenga previsto exigir visado a turistas provenientes de Colombia, y sostuvo que lo que aspira es “incentivar la entrada” de colombianos al país, según reseñó la estatal Agencia Bolivariana de Noticias (ABN).

“Las relaciones entre ambos países vienen en detrimento desde hace dos años, pero desde Caracas siempre dijeron que las diferencias eran con la administración de Alvaro Uribe, no con el pueblo”, señala el escrito.

El presidente Alvaro Uribe dijo en la víspera, al referirse sobre la posible exigencia de visa a los colombianos que viajen a Venezuela, que de darse esa medida “de ninguna manera habrá retaliación, así nos impongan visas a nosotros los colombianos, los colombianos no le impondremos visa a los ciudadanos de ese país”.

Los gobiernos de Bogotá y Caracas se mantienen distanciados desde julio del año pasado luego que el presidente Hugo Chávez declaró “el congelamiento” de las relaciones comerciales y políticas con Colombia.

El mayor impacto del distanciamiento se ha reflejado en el desplome de las exportaciones colombianas a Venezuela que cayeron al menos 70% en el primer trimestre del 2010 con respecto al mismo lapso del año pasado, pasando de 1.397 millones de dólares a 380 millones de dólares, según el Ministerio de Comercio Exterior de Colombia. □

## Cuba manifiesta disposición a diálogo con UE pese a roces

LA HABANA (Reuters) - Cuba manifestó el jueves su disposición al diálogo con la Unión Europea y a establecer un “marco bilateral” sin injerencias en sus relaciones, rompiendo el hielo tras recientes tensiones ante reclamos europeos por las condiciones de presos políticos en la isla.

El canciller de Cuba, Bruno Rodríguez, y el ministro de Asuntos Exteriores y Cooperación de España, Miguel Angel Moratinos, se reunieron el jueves en París poco antes de que el lunes la Unión Europea (UE) revise en Luxemburgo la denominada “Posición Común” que condiciona los nexos con La Habana desde 1996 al respeto de los derechos humanos.

“El Ministro Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla manifestó la voluntad de Cuba de mantener una relación respetuosa, que obligatoriamente pasa porque la UE reconozca y trate a Cuba en igualdad de condiciones”, dijo un comunicado de la cancillería cubana, divulgado en París y en La Habana.

Asimismo “reiteró que la injerencista y unilateral Posición Común (...) constituye el principal obstáculo para la normalización plena de las relaciones”, agregó.

El encuentro entre Moratinos y Rodríguez debió efectuarse el pasado 6 de abril, pero

fue aplazado tras las tensiones surgidas entre la UE y el Gobierno de La Habana poco después del fallecimiento del preso político Orlando Zapata luego de 85 días en huelga de hambre.

Cuba recibió entonces una lluvia de críticas de Estados Unidos y Europa debido a la situación de los derechos humanos luego de la muerte de Zapata y el acoso a las Damas de Blanco, un grupo de esposas y madres de opositores presos condenados a penas de entre 6 y 28 años de cárcel.

La reunión fue la cuarta de este tipo entre Cuba y la UE en el marco del diálogo político reanudado en octubre del 2008, tras la decisión de los líderes europeos de eliminar las sanciones diplomáticas que pesaban sobre la isla desde marzo del 2003 y que estaban congeladas desde el 2005.

“La Posición Común es un obstáculo insalvable para la completa normalización de relaciones entre la UE y Cuba, y ha encomiado el esfuerzo de la presidencia española con la que coincido en que la Posición Común debe ser cambiada porque no funciona. Para Cuba resulta injerencista y obsoleta”, afirmó Rodríguez. Moratinos, por su parte, dijo al término de la reunión que fue “constructiva pero con algunas diferencias”. □



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